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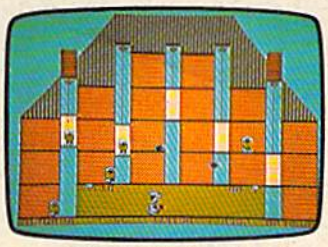

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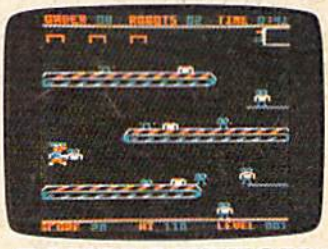

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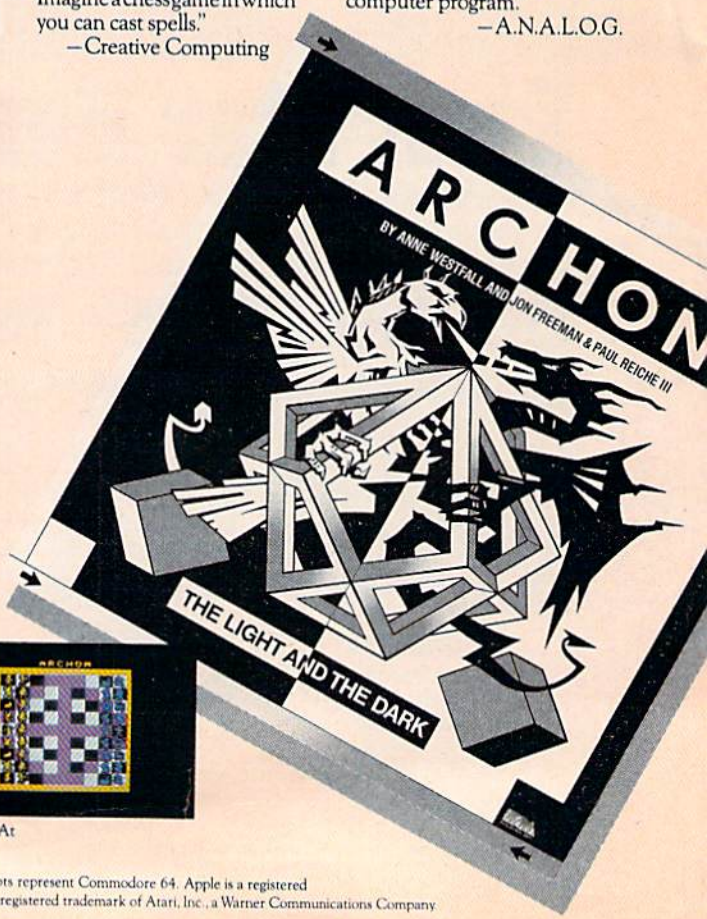

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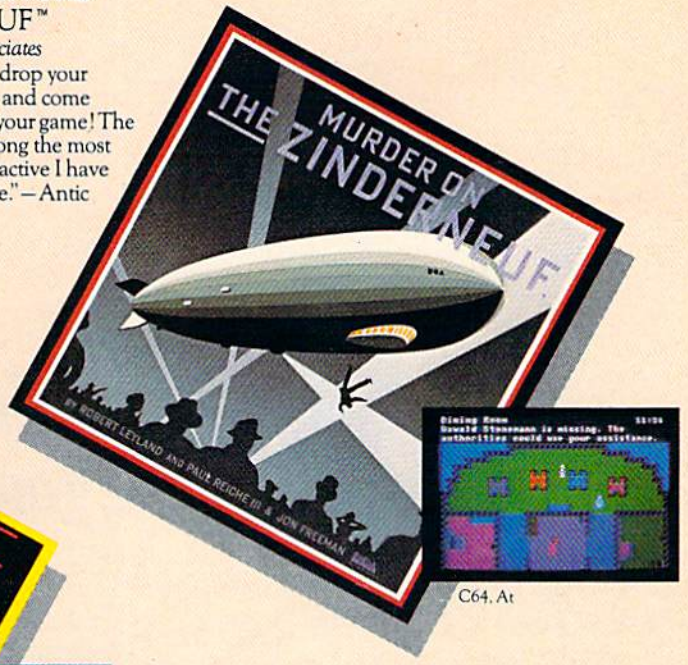

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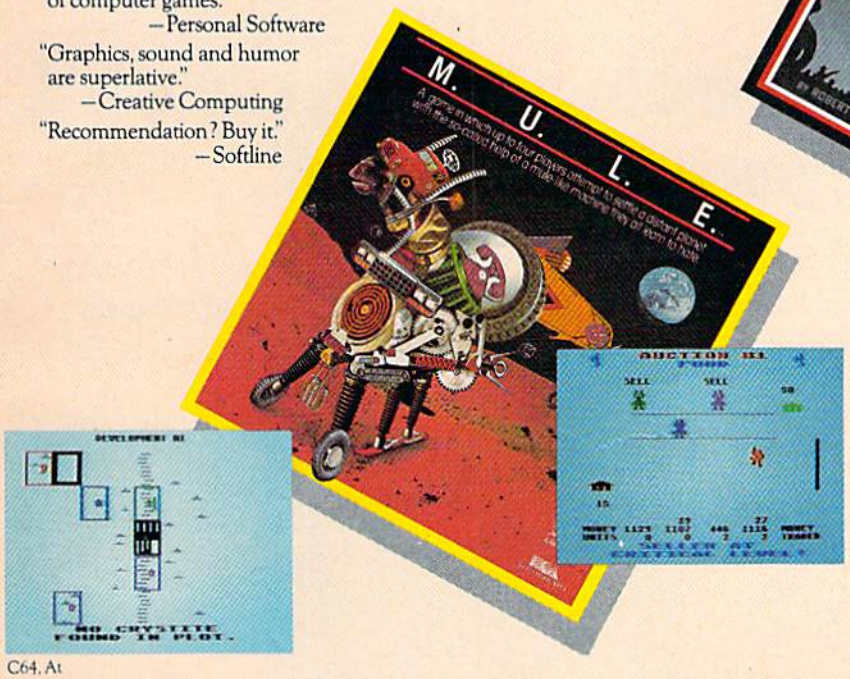

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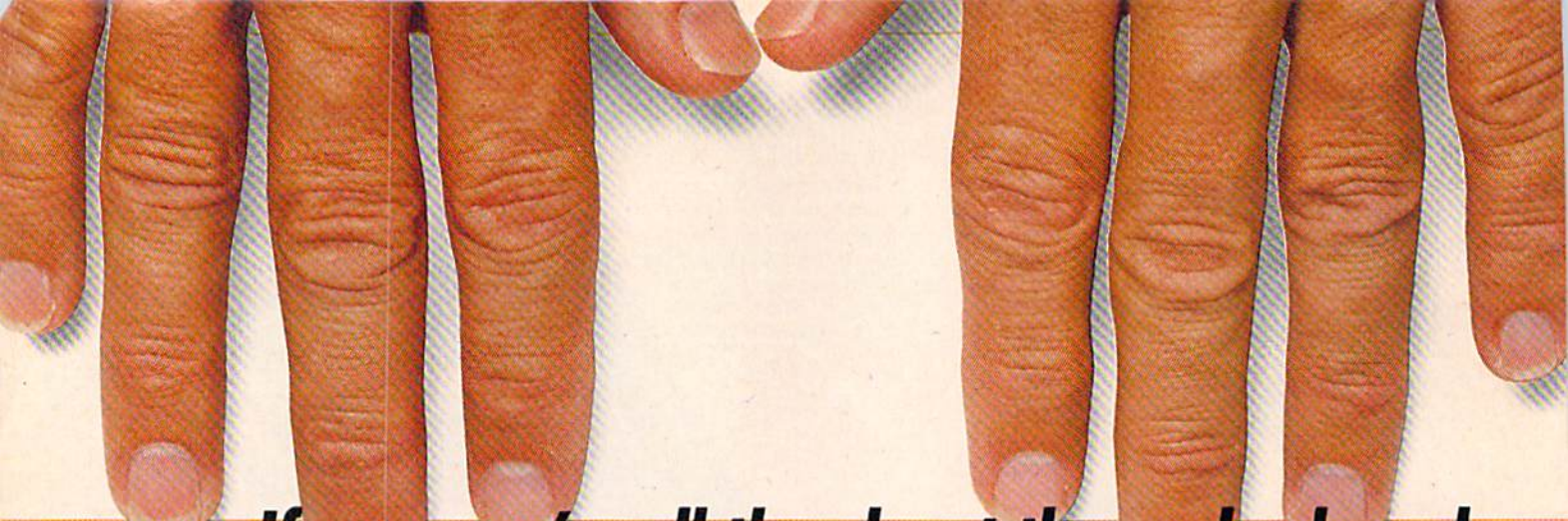

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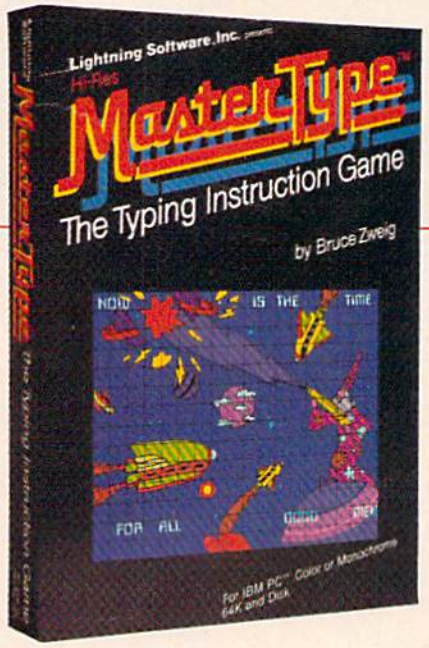

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An End And A Beginning

The Friday, October 28, announcement by Texas Instruments that they were withdrawing from the home computer industry was met with mixed emotions. While we can't speak directly for the hundreds of thousands of TI owners, we're certain there was disappointment and chagrin. As recently as 14–16 months ago, one highly regarded industry analyst was touting the TI product line as becoming the leader in the industry. Oh, well. We'll be curious to see what TI's promise of continued service and support turns into.

One thing that's noted below in "The Beginning" portion of this editorial regarding IBM's announcement of PCjr is that they've adopted a strategy of open architecture. Third-party developers will be assisted and encouraged in the access to information necessary to help them develop hardware, cartridges, software, etc. This was not the TI approach during product marketing; rather, they chose to make their marketing channels proprietary in many ways, to force vendors to work through them.

Given that many software vendors will probably turn from the TI in favor of other, more active markets, we wonder if TI will release vendors from this restriction. We anticipate that the strong and active TI user groups will be able to maintain support for some time, even if the level from TI begins to decline. Given the merchandising routes used by TI, we expect that support products will be strong sellers through December, and then begin to disappear from many of the single product outlets. After all, no one can realistically expect the local drugstore that sells TI to continue to maintain and rotate TI software and new products from the third-party market after the machine is no longer for sale.

In closing, the news wasn't met negatively by Wall Street.... Within just two days of the announcement, TI's stock rose by almost 30 percent. We assume that TI will think long and hard about any future entries into the home computer market after their several abortive tries since 1980.

The Beginning

IBM's November 1st announcement of PCjr was long awaited, eagerly watched, and disappointing to some. As a home computer, the unit(s) are impressive, powerful, restrained as breakthroughs go, and expensive. All things considered, though, we can be quite confident that PCjr will make a major mark in next year's marketplace. Our editors are hard at work developing materials in support of PCjr (we'll be adding both PC and PCjr to our sister publication COMPUTE!), and hoping anxiously that some kind third-party vendor will quickly develop a keyboard designed for touch typists. At a glance: bottom line PCjr with 64K and cassette BASIC: $689.00 plus $40 per joystick (?!), $30 for a cassette cable, $30 for RF modulator, etc. If you'd like the expanded PCjr with its one (and only one may be used) disk drive, you'll start at $1259. But, as with all top-of-the-line products and prices, you can expect full service, support, and a tremendous amount of sophisticated IBM and third-party software. And we project it's a reasonable bet that IBM won't pull out of the marketplace. Beyond the concern over the keyboard is the lack of extended sound and graphics capabilities on the bottom-line unit. Many of these capabilities can be added by going to the extended BASIC that is available on a $75 plug-in cartridge. But apparently sprites don't exist, and color isn't as extensive as that on the 64 (although resolution is higher).

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1526 Printer Recall

I have recently purchased a Commodore 1526 printer for my Commodore 64 computer system. I have found that I cannot load programs from my 1541 disk drive while the 1526's power switch is on. If the power switch is on and I attempt to load the program, the system locks up after a short period of time and the only way I can reset the system is to turn off the computer. Also, programs I have purchased which require repeated accessing of sequential or relative files will lock up the system if the printer is on.

The dealer who sold me this equipment assured me that this was normal operation. However, I wrote to a software company complaining that their software was not working correctly with my printer and they advised me that the 1526 printer and the 1541 disk drive were incompatible. I have written to Commodore four different times and have received no reply.

Are you aware of any incompatibility problem between the 1526 printer and the 1541 disk drive? If so, could you please explain what the problem is? Do you have any idea what Commodore plans to do to resolve this problem?

Gary L. Martin

The recently introduced Commodore 1526 printer does indeed suffer from serious problems when used with the 1541 disk drive—or any device on the serial port. Commodore has recalled the 1526 from dealers and instructed them to accept returns from any customers experiencing problems.

The 1526 is an 80-column dot matrix printer, similar to the 4023 printer that has been available for the Commodore PETs and CBMs. The 1526 appeared on the market briefly, then rapidly disappeared. According to a Commodore spokesperson, the 1526 suffers from a "firmware problem" that interferes with other devices plugged into the serial port (such as the 1541 disk drive). One Commodore dealer wrote to us saying that in some cases, the problem can be helped if the equipment is switched on in a certain order (in general, turn on the 64, the disk drive(s), and the 1526; see last month's "Gazette Feedback").

If this does not help, we recommend returning the printer to your dealer for a refund. It is not normal operation for any computer system to lock up when correctly interfaced peripherals are being used. At this writing, Commodore does not know when the 1526 will be fixed and remarketed. Perhaps it will be available again by the time you are reading this.

Reruns For Automatic Proofreader?

Before I received the October 1983 issue of COMPUTE!'s GAZETTE, I had many problems getting programs that I typed in from the magazine to come out right. When I read and used the "Automatic Proofreader" it did help me, but only with the programs with the REM statements [Proofreader checksum numbers]. If I used this program to check an earlier program listed in your magazine [without the checksum numbers], I could not understand how to check those lines.

Can you tell me how I could use this helpful checksum program with these other programs? How does it work, and how can I figure out the REM numbers of these other programs? Do you have future plans to relist the earlier programs listed without the checksum numbers?

Jeff Cherkis

In the September issue you asked for feedback on the GAZETTE. First I'd like to say that once in a while a magazine jumps out in front of the pack, sometimes by design and sometimes by doing something lucky. The GAZETTE did it with the program "Proof-

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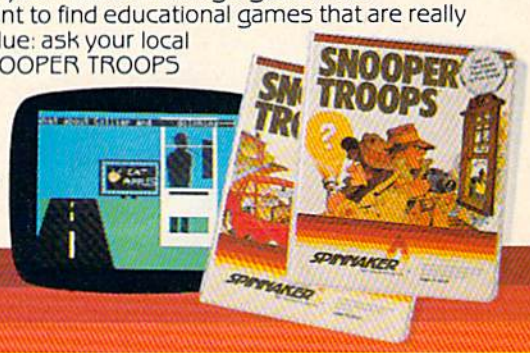

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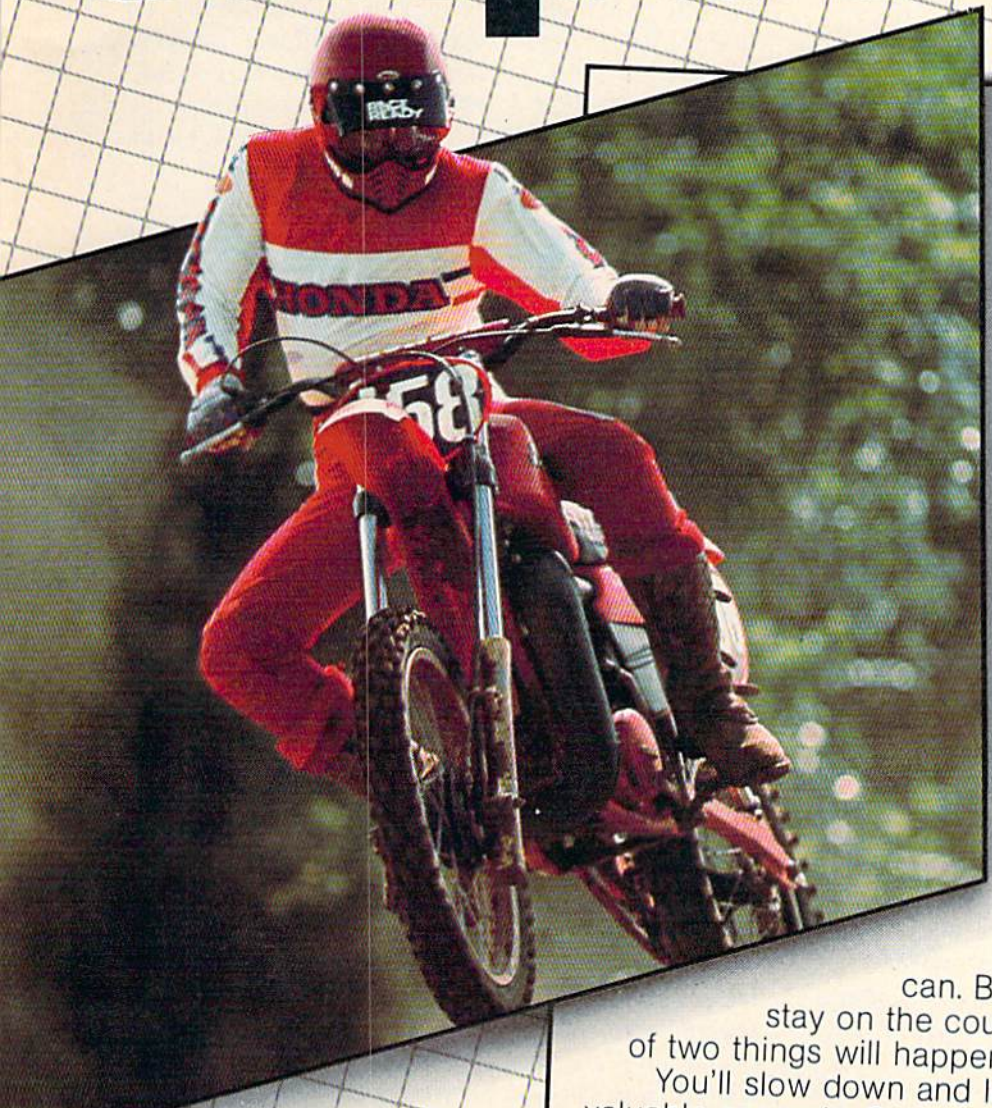

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reader" by Charles Brannon in the October issue. What more can I say—*fantastic*—and now for a suggestion:

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120–147
130–121
etc.
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Stuart B. Wahlberg

We have received many letters from readers complimenting the Automatic Proofreader, including some letters from people who said they had never got a program to work correctly until they used the Proofreader. Almost every letter requested checksum numbers for programs previously published in COMPUTE!'s GAZETTE. *Some people wanted to know how to compute their own checksum numbers for these earlier programs; they didn't understand why the checksums appear inconsistent (i.e., short program lines sometimes have large numbers while long lines sometimes have small numbers).*

We also received a few letters from readers who said the Proofreader doesn't work and neither do the programs they enter with it. We'd like to take this opportunity to discuss possible problems that may be encountered when using the Proofreader to enter programs, and to address your other questions and comments about our program listings as well.

First of all, the Automatic Proofreader does *work. Some VIC-20 tape users had problems reLOADing programs entered with the first version of the Proofreader (see November "Bug-Swatter" and November/December "Automatic Proofreader"). But even this problem never affected the typing or checking of the programs, and it was immediately corrected in the next version of the Proofreader. The Proofreader repeatedly passes all in-house testing, and most readers we hear from have used it with success.*

Readers experiencing problems with the Proofreader should carefully check their typing of the Proofreader program; as we noted in October, unfortunately it can't check itself *(although the current version does check for errors in the DATA statements). If you make a subtle error when typing the Proofreader, it can cause incorrect results when using it to check other programs. A couple of readers who had trouble with the Proofreader saw no difference between the VIC-20 and Commodore 64 versions published in the October issue and concluded that we mistakenly published the same version twice. Both versions are very similar. However, they are not identical. The difference is the fifth DATA element in line 220. To reduce confusion, we rewrote the Proofreader so the same version now works on both computers.*

Assuming the Proofreader program itself has been entered correctly, we have traced most of the problems some readers are encountering to three main causes:

- Transposed keystrokes. *Because of the way the Proofreader checksum numbers are computed (see below), the Proofreader cannot detect transposition errors. In other words, if you type PIRNT instead of PRINT, the Proofreader won't know the difference. Of course, this particular typo would result in a ?SYNTAX ERROR AT LINE xxx when the program is run, but other transpositions might not cause a syntax error. The most common example is numbers in DATA statements. If you type DATA 156 instead of DATA 165, the Proofreader still thinks everything is okay. So does the computer. You probably won't get an error message, but the program won't work right. Solution: Be extra alert for transposition errors.*

- Long program lines. *Normally, you can't enter a program line longer than 80 characters on the Commodore 64 or 88 characters on the VIC-20. However, many programmers abbreviate keywords when writing their programs to save typing and memory. When the programs are listed, the abbreviations automatically expand into the full keywords, and lines longer than 80 or 88 characters often result. The only way these lines can be typed from a listing is to use the same abbreviations (see "Simple Answers To Common Questions" elsewhere in this issue). Since the Proofreader cannot handle abbreviations, it cannot accurately check these lines. Solution: Use abbreviations to type long lines and carefully check the typing yourself. Because long lines cause so many problems for so many readers, we are trying to eliminate them wherever possible, and we urge programmers not to use abbreviations unless absolutely necessary.*

- Mistakes in listings. *Theoretically these should never happen. Theoretically. But sometimes they do. We receive letters from some readers who doubt that we test programs before publication, or who doubt that the programs work in the first place. However, we promise that all programs do work and are tested. (For those who still don't believe it, proof can be seen in the screen photos which accompany almost all programs in* COMPUTE!'s GAZETTE—*if the programs don't work, or if we don't try them, where do the screen photos come from?) After testing, the listings are made on a printer directly from disk and then photographed, not retypeset. In theory this should produce a perfect listing of the program.*

But in practice there are about two dozen things that can go wrong, including some in the printing process which are effectively beyond our control (see this month's "Bug-Swatter"). However, most listing problems are *within our control, and we are constantly striving to reduce them to a minimum. If you discover a subtle error in the operation of a program, chances are it escaped our testing. But if a program runs obviously wrong or crashes altogether at the outset, it is a sure sign of a typo—introduced either during the listing process (us) or the typing process (the user). These typos are extremely hard to track down. Upon receiving the first complaints, we immediately test the program*

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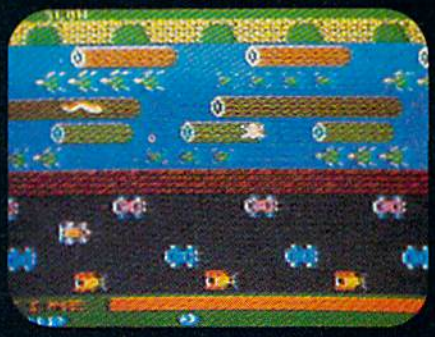

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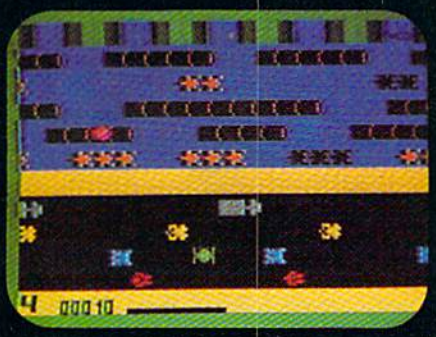

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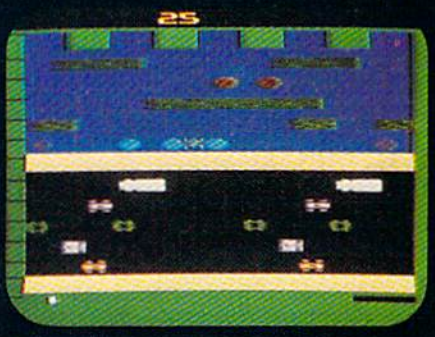

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from our archive disks. So far, a program has never failed to run. Unfortunately, all this tells us is that the typo happened sometime after we tested the program, saved it on disk, and made the listing. Unless we can find a discrepancy between our working copy of the program and our published listing, we cannot assume an error. We are often guided in these cases by reader feedback. If we receive a large number of similar complaints about a certain program, we strongly suspect something went wrong at our end. But if some readers tell us a certain program works fine, while others say it does not, it is difficult for us to conclude the first group of readers somehow made a typo that just happened to correct the alleged typo we made. Solution: If a program does not work, and neither you nor a proven copy of the Proofreader can find an error, write or call us to describe the exact nature of the problem. Perhaps we will have a fix, or can report that other readers are having no trouble with the program.

Now to address your other questions. The Proofreader, of course, requires you to compare the number which appears at the top of the screen to the checksum number in the program listing. Since previously published programs lack these checksum numbers, you cannot check them with the Proofreader. Nor can you compute your own checksum numbers. The computer which makes our listings automatically generates the checksums by adding the ASCII values of all the characters in a line and storing the sum in a single byte. Since one byte holds the sum, the checksum never exceeds 255. If the sum is greater than 255, the byte "rolls over" past zero. For example, 240 + 20 = 4 (a principle well known to machine language programmers). That explains why some short program lines have large checksum numbers and vice versa. (Incidentally, it also means that there's a tiny chance that two or more typos in a line could cancel each other out and yield a correct checksum match.)

Even if you manually computed your own checksums this way, they would be meaningless, since they would be thrown off by any errors in the line. The checksum must be computed from a working version of the program, as our listing computer does.

Several readers have asked us to republish line numbers of earlier programs with just the checksum numbers appended (there is not enough space to reprint the programs and articles in their entirety). That way, you could check for typos in programs you typed in months ago but never got to work. We are considering this and will do so if there is enough demand. Let us know how you feel.

Copyright Questions

I have a few questions about the programs listed in your magazine. Can I photocopy them? Photocopy machines are in libraries and about everywhere else. I once read a news clipping where the courts have ruled that it's okay to photocopy something for your own personal use and files. Is this so? What is, and what is not public domain? Can I use the programs listed in COMPUTE!'s GAZETTE at my place of business as well as my home?

Clarence C. Hogan

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From VIC To 64

I own a VIC-20, but have decided to purchase a Commodore 64. I would like to know if you could answer some questions. First, are all the cartridges made for the VIC-20 compatible with the 64? Secondly, can machine language be used directly on the 64? I heard that it can be used on the VIC-20, but you're better off buying some kind of software on cartridge. Does the Commodore 64 need any additional software to run machine language easily? Thirdly, do you know where I can write to Commodore to obtain information about software, hardware, maintenance, etc., pertaining to their products? Any information you can give me would be appreciated.

Brian Cummings

No cartridges for the VIC-20 are compatible with the Commodore 64, or vice versa. The cartridge ports (where you plug in the cartridges) are different sizes on the 64 and the VIC. Even if you could make the cartridges fit the slot, the programs encoded in the cartridges would not be compatible.

Neither the VIC nor the 64 needs any additional software to run *machine language programs. Machine language is the native language of all computers—the language with which they "think." BASIC, on the other hand, is a foreign language to computers (just as it is to people) and must be interpreted internally before the computer can understand the instructions. Machine language programs can be loaded and run directly from tape, disk, or cartridge with either the VIC or 64. A machine language program can even be loaded into memory by a BASIC program with the POKE statement. It can then be run with the SYS or USR commands.*

However, to write *machine language programs on a VIC or 64, you generally do need additional software. In theory, you could get by without it by laboriously converting the machine language instructions into decimal numbers by hand and then POKEing them into memory with BASIC. For short routines this might work out. But for more ambitious programs, most people*

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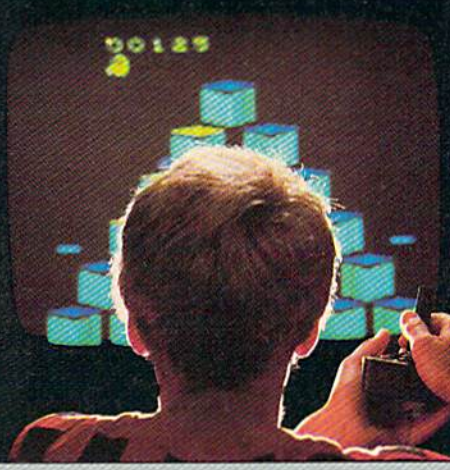

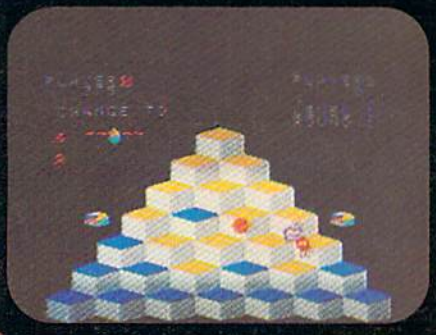

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who value their sanity prefer to use a monitor *or an* assembler *to write machine language. Some computers (such as the earlier Commodore PETs and the Apple) have built-in monitors, but consumer computers aimed at the home market generally do not. Most people find that assemblers are the easiest way to write machine language, especially if their previous programming experience is with high-level languages such as BASIC. Monitors and assemblers are available on cartridge, tape, and disk for either the VIC or 64. To learn more about monitors, assemblers, and machine language, see "Machine Language For Beginners," a regular monthly column in* COMPUTE!'s GAZETTE.

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Expanded VIC Memory

I have a Commodore VIC-20 computer and would like to know what you mean when you say (before a long program) "for VIC-20 expanded to 8K." Does this mean total RAM or user RAM? With my Super Expander cartridge I have 8K total RAM (the VIC has 5K, and my expander adds an additional 3K of RAM). I would like to know if I can now run some of your programs which say this.

Steve Medendorp

All VICs have the built-in 5K of Random Access Memory (RAM), so when we say "for the 8K expanded VIC-20," we are referring to the 8K expansion memory only. In other words, you would need an 8K expansion cartridge. Similarly, "16K expanded VIC" means a VIC with two 8K cartridges plugged into a motherboard or one 16K memory expander, and "3K expanded VIC" means the Super Expander or another 3K expansion cartridge is required. Occasionally we publish a program that specifically requires the Super Expander because it adds special graphics commands to the VIC as well as 3K of RAM. We try to make most of the programs we publish run on unexpanded VICs so the greatest number of readers can use them.

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Is it possible to add more than 24K to the VIC-20?

Charles Q. Berkey, Jr.

Yes and no. The VIC-20 has 4K of Random Access Memory (RAM) built in, at 4096 to 8191 (hex $1000–1FFF), plus 1K for overhead: pointers, the stack, and so on, for a total of 5K RAM. You can buy memory expanders which add 3K, 8K, 16K, or 24K from Commodore or third-party manufacturers.

If you program in BASIC, 24K is the most memory you can add to your 5K VIC. If you use machine language, you can add up to 35K, for a total of 40K.

The first thing you have to remember when you add memory is that a VIC has only one expansion port. That means if you own an 8K expander and want to add 8K more, you have two choices. You can buy memory chips and rewire your expansion cartridge (not recommended unless you know exactly what you are doing). Or you can buy a multiple cartridge board "motherboard" that allows you to plug more than one cartridge into the expansion port. It is similar to an electrical extension cord you might use in your home. Often these motherboards have switches so you can select one or more cartridges which are plugged in. (For example, you could "switch off" the memory expanders without physically unplugging them, in case you want to run a program that is designed exclusively for the unexpanded VIC.)

Memory can be added to the VIC in the following blocks:

3K	1024–4095	($0400–0FFF)
8K	8192–16383	($2000–3FFF)
8K	16384–24575	($4000–5FFF)
8K	24576–32767	($6000–7FFF)
8K	40960–49151	($A000–BFFF)

Adding expansion memory to the VIC can cause complications, however. If you plug in the 3K expander, screen memory (7680–8191 in the unexpanded VIC) remains in the same place (7680–8191). But if you add more than 3K, screen memory moves to 4096–4607. This can result in compatibility problems with some programs written for the unexpanded VIC.

Whether your VIC has 5K or 40K, it wants to put BASIC programs in a continuous section of memory. The BASIC program goes at the bottom, followed by free memory and variables (at the top of memory). When you add 8K or more, any memory below screen memory (4096) becomes invisible to BASIC. That's why only a maximum 24K can be added for BASIC programming.

Once you add memory to locations 8192–32767, the other memory expansion is available only in machine language (or PEEKs and POKEs).

What Is A Utility?

What is a utility program? Does this type of software make it easier to program?

Fred Soderlund

A utility is a program that programmers use for a specific purpose. Many utilities provide new BASIC commands or disk commands. For example, let's say you want to add a menu to a program you have written. If you already have a program that makes menus, you could add it to your program by typing it in line by line. But if you own a utility with an append command, you simply merge the two programs—which results in a lot of saved time.

If both programs use lines 900–1000, you could get around the problem with a RENUMBER utility which changes the line numbers (you would have to RENUMBER before you append). If both programs use the variable DN and R$, you could use a utility which searches the programs and tells you which variables you used and where.

If you use certain routines in many programs (reading the joystick, figuring compound interest, etc.), a utility can save you time.

Some utilities contain certain commands that work only with disk drives or printers. Certain commands will be most useful to a machine language programmer (for example, copying one block of memory to another, or hex to decimal conversions). Other utilities are designed to help you write programs with graphics or sound routines.

Utilities are programming tools. Their usefulness depends on what they do and what you need. If you are just getting into programming, you probably don't need many programming tools. But as you start writing larger and more complex programs, you will find that a collection of the right utilities can save you lots of time and work. Utilities are sold commercially, and many public domain utilities are available for free through local user groups. Also, nearly every issue of COMPUTE!'s GAZETTE *includes ready-to-type program listings for useful utilities.*

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A Look At This Month's Best Sellers And The Software Industry

Kathy Yakal, Editorial Assistant

Commodore 64 Entertainment

This Month		Last Month
1	*Fort Apocalypse* (Synapse)	2
2	*Jumpman* (Epyx)	1
3	*Temple of Apshai* (Epyx)	3
4	*Frogger* (Sierra On-Line)	4
5	*Planetfall* (Infocom)	10
6	*Choplifter* (Creative)	–
7	*Gridrunner* (HesWare)	7
8	*Neutral Zone* (Access)	5
9	*Sword of Fargoal* (Epyx)	6
10	*Shamus* (HesWare)	–

Commodore 64 Home/Business/Utility

This Month		Last Month
1	*WordPro 3 Plus/64* With *Spell Right* (Professional)	1
2	*Quick Brown Fox* (Quick Brown Fox)	2
3	*M File* (M Soft)	11
4	*Money Manager* (Timeworks)	5
5	*Practicalc* (Computer Software Associates)	4
6	*Calc Result* (Handic)	–
7	*Data Manager* (Timeworks)	–
8	*Electronic Checkbook* (Timeworks)	6
9	*PaperClip* (Batteries Included)	8
10	*Oracle* (Batteries Included)	–

Commodore 64 Educational

This Month		Last Month
1	*Facemaker* (Spinnaker)	4
2	*Fraction Fever* (Spinnaker)	–
3	*Up For Grabs* (Spinnaker)	3
4	*Primary Math Tutor* (Comm*Data)	5
5	*Dungeons of the Algebra Dragons* (Timeworks)	–
6	*Kindercomp* (Spinnaker)	1
7	*Touch Typing Tutor* (Taylormade)	2

VIC-20 Entertainment

This Month		Last Month
1	*Gridrunner* (HesWare)	1
2	*Shamus* (HesWare)	3
3	*Choplifter* (Creative)	2
4	*Temple of Apshai* (HesWare)	4
5	*Crush, Crumble and Chomp* (HesWare)	–
6	*Amok* (UMI)	10
7	*Predator* (HesWare)	9
8	*Escape MCP* (Comm*Data)	–
9	*Exterminator* (Nüfekop)	7

VIC-20 Home/Business/Utility

This Month		Last Month
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2	*Turtle Graphics* (HesWare)	2
3	*HES Writer* (HesWare)	3
4	*HES Mon* (HesWare)	4
5	*Household Finance* (Creative)	5
6	*Practicalc* (Computer Software Associates)	–

VIC-20 Educational

This Month		Last Month
1	*Touch Typing Tutor* (Taylormade)	1
2	*Primary Math Tutor* (Comm*Data)	–
3	*Type Attack* (Sirius)	2
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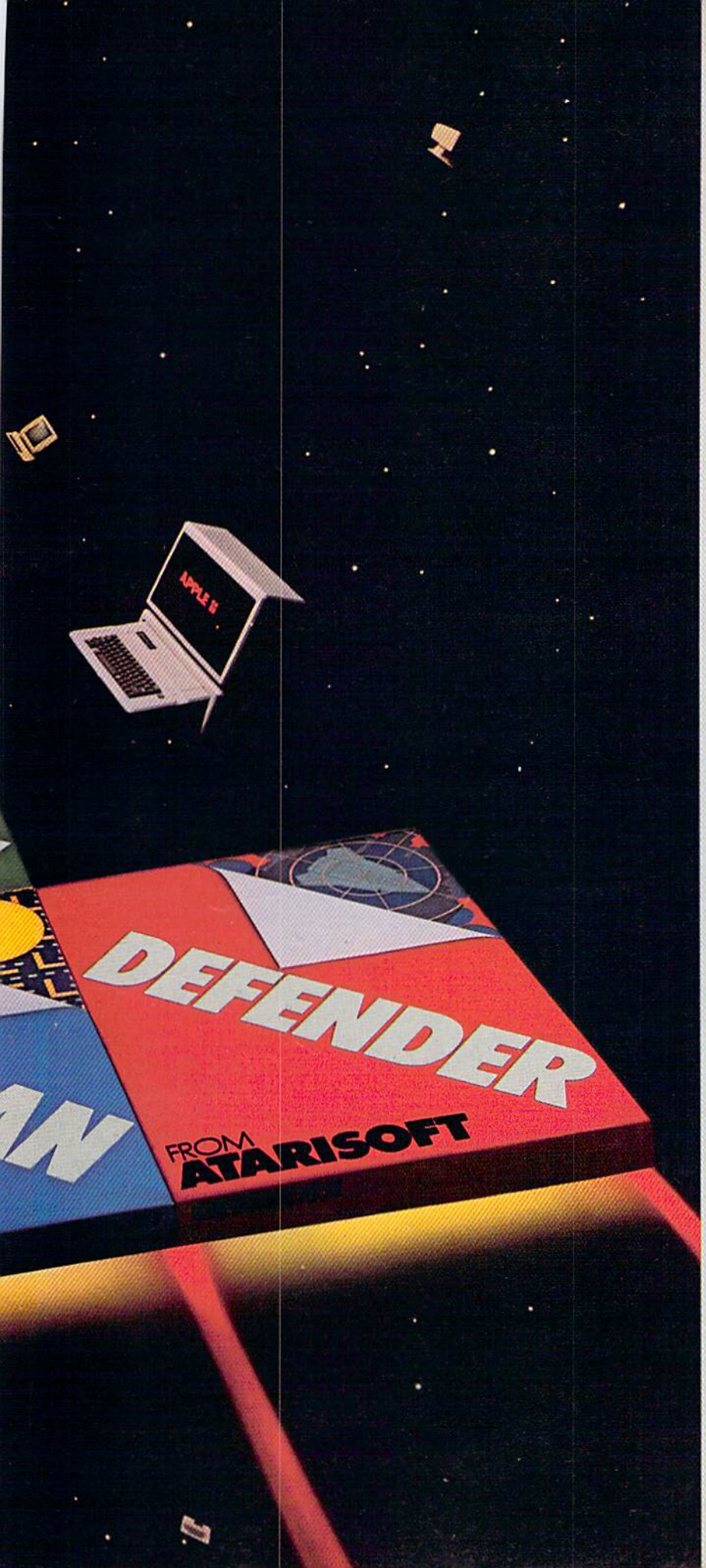

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SIMPLE ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS

TOM R. HALFHILL, EDITOR

Q A

Each month, COMPUTE!'s GAZETTE *will tackle some questions commonly asked by new VIC-20/Commodore 64 users and by people shopping for their first home computer.*

Q. ***I have a 1541 disk drive and a friend has one of the older 1540 disk drives. Is there any problem in trading disks back and forth?***

A. Yes, there is a potential compatibility problem. If you're merely *reading* from each other's disks, you should be safe. But *writing* to them could be hazardous to the files stored on the disks.

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(Notice that "UI-" *speeds up* the drive and "UI+" *slows it down*. This syntax might be the opposite of what you'd expect, but it's straight from pages 8-9 of the *VIC-1541 User's Manual.)*

Unfortunately, you can't slow down a 1540 drive the same way, so it's risky to write to 1541 disks on the 1540. If you use both kinds of drives or frequently swap disks with someone who uses a different drive, you should mark all your disks "1541" or "1540" to avoid problems.

Q. ***Some programs in your magazine I cannot get to run, and I've traced the problem to certain lines which are very long. I type the line exactly as printed in the listing, but when I press RETURN and re-LIST the line, only part of it is there—the rest was chopped off somehow. Even the "Automatic Proofreader" doesn't help. Are these lines, indeed, the problem? If so, is there any way to type these lines and get these programs to work? Why didn't you test the programs first to make sure they worked?***

A. You've zeroed in on a problem which seems to have troubled many other readers. Until a number of similar letters and phone calls came in, we had not realized how many readers are unfamiliar with BASIC line-length limits and with the use of keyword abbreviations to solve the problem. Nor had we realized how many programmers routinely use long lines in their programs.

The problem, as you deduced, is that certain lines are too long to type in—at least, too long to type in *normally*. But there is a way to enter them.

Normally, the Commodore 64 does not allow entry of BASIC lines which exceed 80 characters (two screen lines). The VIC-20's limit is 88 characters (four screen lines). If you type in more characters than these limits allow, the extra characters will be discarded when you press RETURN. Unfortunately, the computer does not warn you that the line has been truncated. If you re-LIST the line, you'll see the difference, but most people don't find out until they attempt to RUN the program for the first time. The program either fails to run properly or crashes altogether, often with a cryptic error message as the only clue. The problem can be hard to isolate, especially for nonprogrammers. Frustrated, many people blame a bug in the program or the listing and give up.

But the problem is easy to fix once discovered. The trick is to enter the long line as the programmer did when he or she wrote the program.

In an appendix of the user manual which came with your VIC or 64 is a table of keyword abbreviations (a summary of the most commonly used abbreviations appeared in last month's "Horizons: 64" column). Abbreviations allow you to enter BASIC keywords without typing all the characters. Usually an abbreviation consists of the

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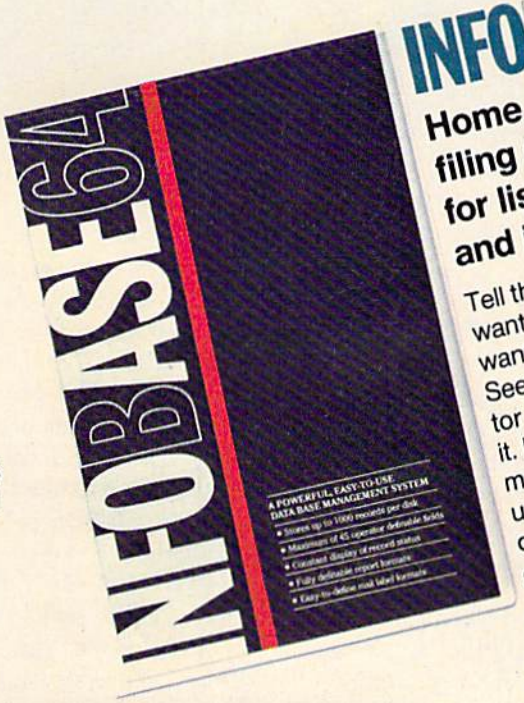

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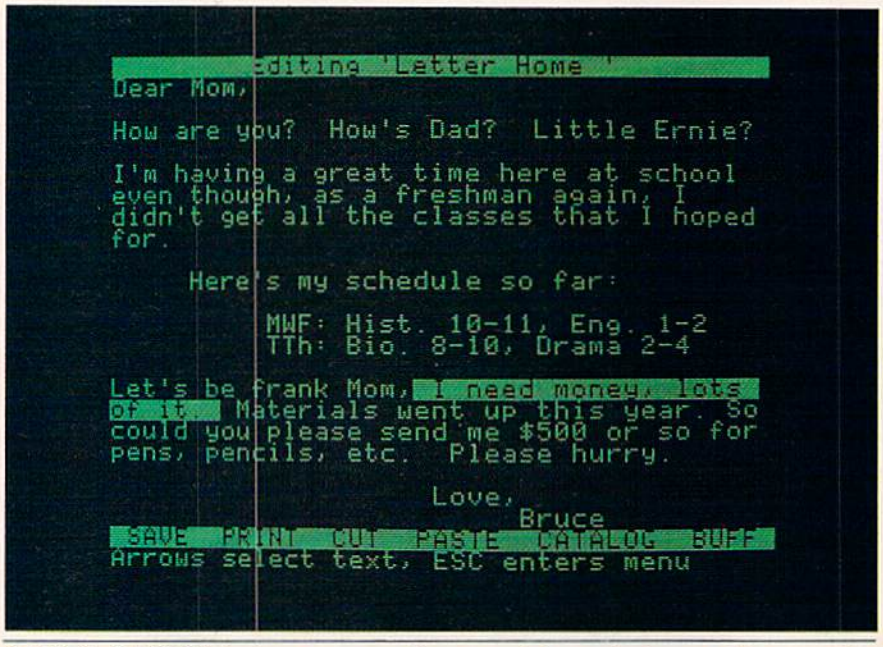
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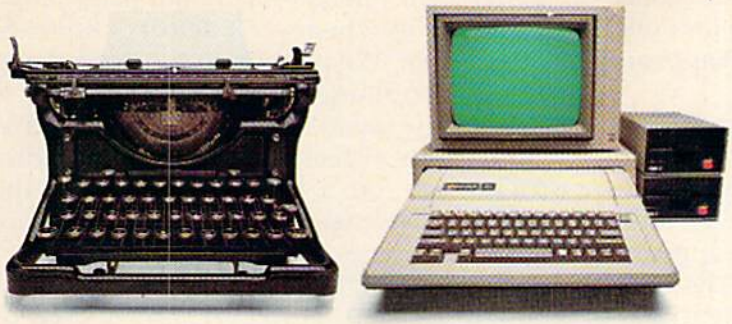

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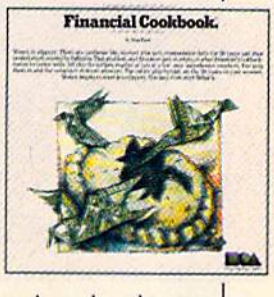

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first letter of the keyword and a SHIFTed second character. For instance, the abbreviation for POKE is P-SHIFT-O. (Note that the SHIFTed O appears on screen as a graphics character.)

You're still limited to typing 80 or 88 characters when using abbreviations. However, when you LIST a line with abbreviations, the abbreviations expand out to the full keywords, even if the resulting line exceeds the limit. The line appears illegal, but executes normally. Be aware that you cannot edit this line, however; if you want to make a change, you must retype the line from scratch.

Another problem with abbreviations is that they confuse the "Automatic Proofreader." The checksum program cannot be used to spot typos in long lines.

Programmers use abbreviations to save typing and memory. Not that the abbreviations themselves save memory—BASIC stores all keywords as one-byte tokens, whether abbreviated or not. But abbreviations allow programmers to pack more statements into each line, and reducing the number of lines in a program *does* save a little memory.

Since these long lines execute normally, the programs work fine when we test them prior to publication. We list the program directly from disk and don't hear of a line-length problem until letters begin arriving three months later.

To correct this problem, our lister program now warns us whenever it detects a line exceeding 80 characters. We then try to break up the long line into two shorter ones. Unfortunately, some programs—especially on the unexpanded VIC—require every available byte of memory. Breaking up a line can ruin a working program. In these cases, we'll at least try to warn you of the long lines.

Readers can help, too. If you submit a program to COMPUTE!'s GAZETTE, do not exceed the line limits *unless absolutely necessary to conserve memory*. Also, please do not number BASIC lines by ones, so that our programmers have room to break up long lines if necessary.

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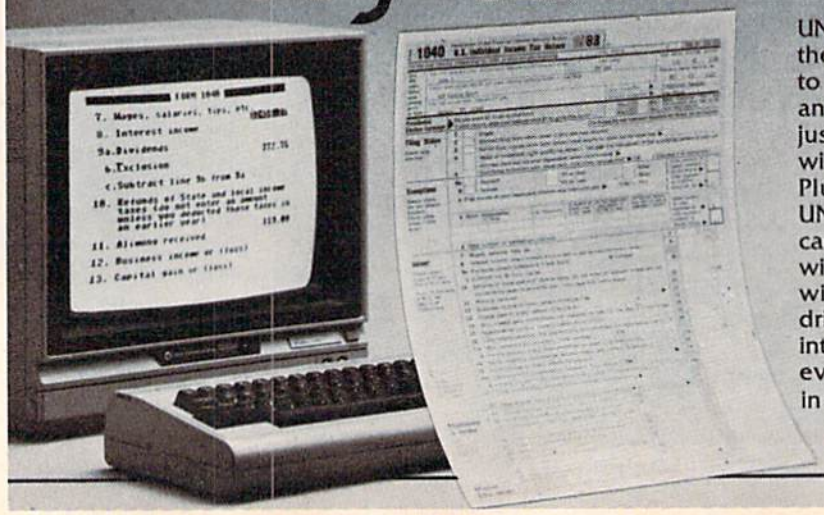

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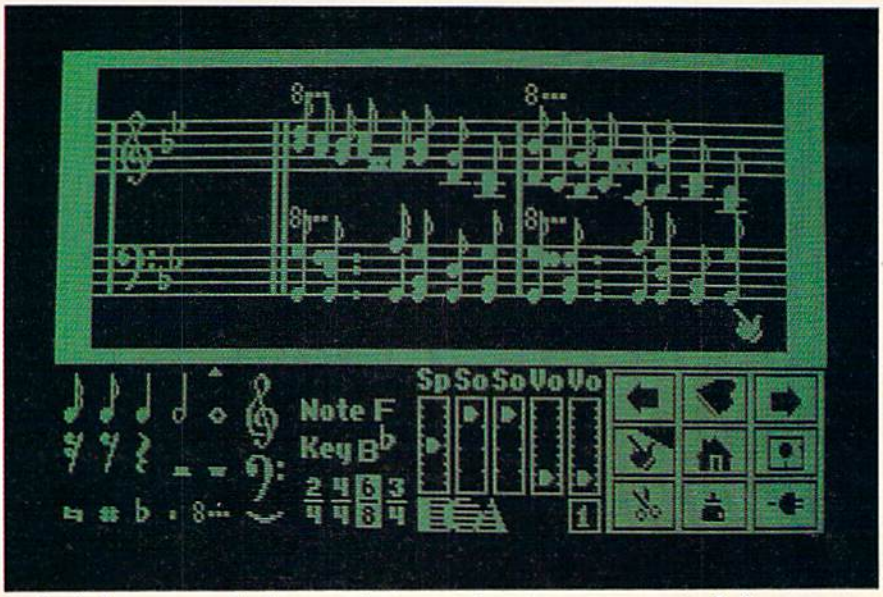

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WORD PROCESSING
In The Home

Tom R. Halfhill, Editor

Word processors are displacing typewriters in offices as rapidly as ballpoints replaced fountain pens a few decades ago. But there are good reasons why many of today's households could use a word processor, too.

Word processors are probably the most popular inventions to hit the business world since electric typewriters in the 1960s. Every day, in somebody's office somewhere, a hapless typewriter with its rubber roller platen, pile of typing paper, and bottle of white correction fluid gives way to a gleaming new computer-age word processor. Secretaries are signing up for word processing courses to keep from becoming as obsolete as their traded-in typewriters. The quiet hum of video monitors and the whir of disk drives is replacing the percussion of mechanical striking arms slapping against paper.

It's called the "electronic office" or the "paperless office." At first there was resistance, but by now it's taken for granted that word processing (and computerization in general) is having a significant impact on the function of American business. The business of staying in business and competing for profits is too important for any business person to long ignore a new tool or method for achieving greater productivity.

But in the last five years something even more amazing has happened. This chic new business tool, the computer word processor, has started to find its way into the American home, too. The invention of the inexpensive microcomputer (and its clever packaging as the home computer) has made it possible for millions of people to afford a word processor as readily as most businesses. A $50–$100 word processing program running on a $100–$400 home computer with a printer can perform most of the major writing functions of a typical $5000 or even $10,000 dedicated business system.

However, just as many business users had to be sold on the advantages of word processing, so do many home users. After all, it's much easier to justify the expense of word processors in a business, where dozens or even hundreds of letters, memos, and reports are generated every day. But what good is word processing in the home? How much writing goes on in the average household?

The answer varies, of course, but it can be argued that nearly any home with an adult working in a professional occupation, or with a student of almost any age, can probably benefit from an inexpensive home computer-based word processor. The key is to recognize what a powerful application word processing really is.

First of all, consider the precedence set by other business inventions which have moved into the average household: the calculator and the typewriter.

Mechanical adding machines were used by businesses for decades without making significant inroads into the home. There were several reasons for this: Adding machines were expensive, bulky, and nonportable. Also there was little use for a computing device, however primitive, in the typical home of the early- to mid-20th century. Household finances were generally pretty simple before the proliferation of credit cards, widespread con-

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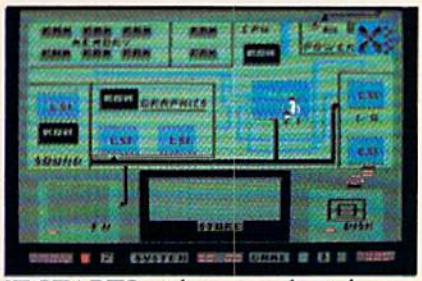

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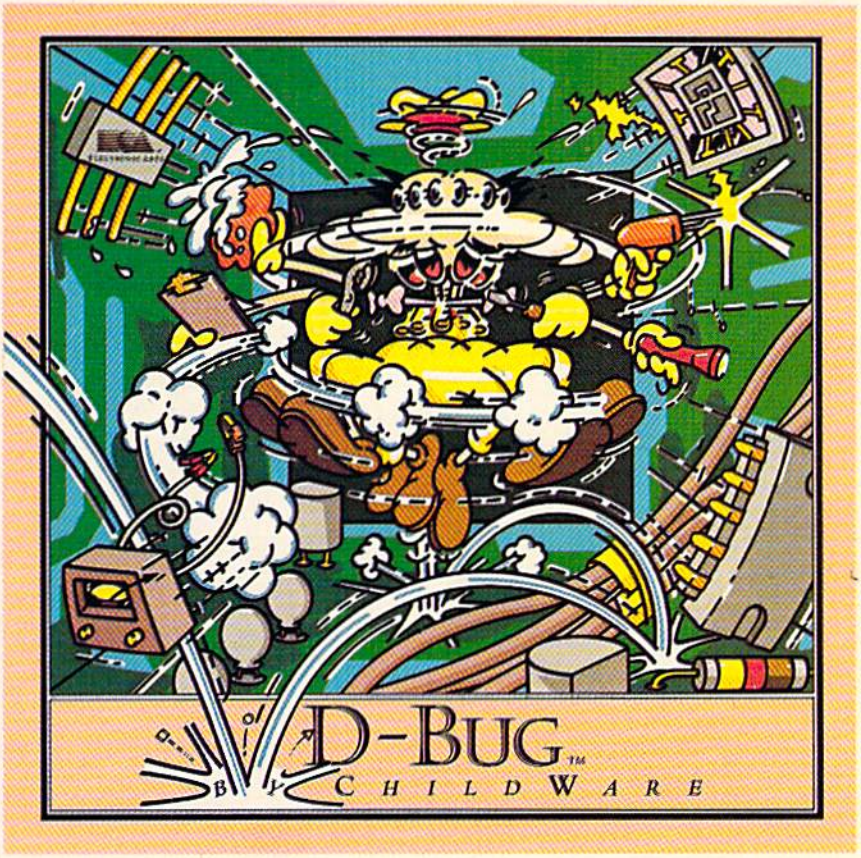

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Luckily, the electronic calculator arrived at just the right time. Soon after they began replacing adding machines in businesses, they started showing up in homes. A whole new market was created. During the 1970s, calculators grew cheap, small, and powerful. Today almost nobody balances their checkbook or figures a tax return by hand. The very idea is becoming unthinkable.

The spread of typewriters from the office to the home is even more to the point since, like word processors, they are writing machines. Typewriters started appearing in American offices soon after their invention late in the 19th century. At first, their move to the home was held back by many of the same factors which discouraged the home use of adding machines: Early typewriters were expensive, bulky, nonportable, and not all that useful in the average household.

But sometime around World War II things started to change. New typewriters appeared on the market designed for personal use—relatively inexpensive, small, and portable. Colleges began requiring students to hand in typed term papers. Many people started using typewriters for personal business correspondence, and those with office jobs were taking work home. Soon typewriters became a common appliance in millions of households.

For many of the same reasons, word processors are spreading from offices to homes, too. Almost anything a typewriter can do, a word processor can do better. A home computer-based word processor is still more expensive than a cheap portable typewriter, but on the other hand, even the most advanced electronic "memory typewriter" is not as flexible as the typical home computer word processor. College, high school, and even younger students are using word processors for term papers and reports. Their parents can use the same word processor for personal business letters, or for work taken home from the office.

Best of all, the expense of a home word processor is minimal if the household already owns a home computer. Maybe the computer was originally purchased for running education/home application programs, or playing videogames, or for learning how to program. It can be transformed into a powerful word processor with the addition of the appropriate program and maybe a printer and disk drive.

Thinking of a word processor as a substitute for a typewriter is enough to justify its purchase for many people. But there are other reasons which may be even more compelling. A word processor is much more than just an electronic, computerized typewriter—it's a whole new way of writing.

In the beginning, typewriters were used simply to make neat copies of documents composed originally in longhand. Even today many people still use typewriters this way, preferring to write everything out before typing up the final draft.

But soon after their invention, typewriters were embraced by writers, especially journalists. For the first time since the clay tablet and stylus an entirely new writing implement had been invented. Newspapermen were among the first to make the transition from writing by hand to composing their thoughts directly on a keyboard. Pencils and pens—which in various forms had been the only writing instruments since writing itself was conceived—were relegated to note-taking and editing.

Why is this important? Because the transition to the keyboard is an important step in the development of many writers. The majority of professional writers do their writing on a keyboard, not in longhand.

Some writers, including a few famous ones, still contend that writing in longhand with a pen is a more intimate way of committing thoughts to paper. We won't argue this point, because it's one of those philosophical questions that is rarely resolved. However, there is little doubt that writing in longhand is slow. When deadlines are not important, this may not matter. Indeed, many writers who always write in longhand are accustomed to pacing their thoughts accordingly, and argue convincingly that longhand doesn't slow them down.

But many writers who switch to typewriters notice something strange and wonderful: apparently because they can put their thoughts to paper so much faster, the words start coming faster. At first the switch from longhand to typewriters is not always easy. It is forced on those writers who must consistently produce on deadline—such as journalists—and the transition can be traumatic. Before long, however, the old pen-and-paper method seems agonizingly slow, and they dread being out of reach of a keyboard.

Unfortunately, efficient as they are, typewriters are far from the ultimate writing tools. Once a word is typed, for practical purposes it is committed as indelibly as a word penned in ink. It's possible to make minor corrections with erasable bond, correcting ribbons, chalk strikeover sheets, or white correction fluid. But major revisions mean extensive retyping. Longhand manuscripts aren't very flexible, either. Many drafts may be required before the final acceptable copy is ready.

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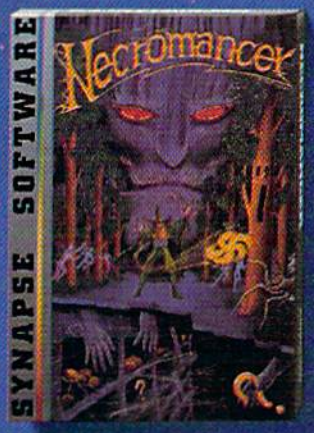

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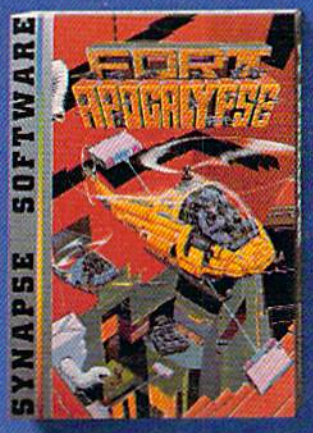

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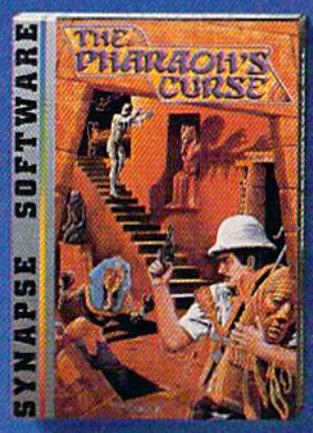

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Most people these days are at least partly familiar with the advantages of word processors, even if they haven't actually used one themselves. But there's another bonus that is a bit more subtle—*a word processor can make you a better writer.*

This isn't just another outrageous claim of the "computers-will-save-the-world" ilk. This writer, and many others, is convinced that it's true.

Word processing makes writing so flexible, so fluid, that almost all the inhibitions are banished. Since anything you type can be changed in virtually any way, there is no reason to agonize over every word and phrase. If it doesn't "read" right, just back up and try again. Experimentation is easy. Even radical changes to your text are only a few keystrokes away. No other writing tool offers anything near this level of flexibility.

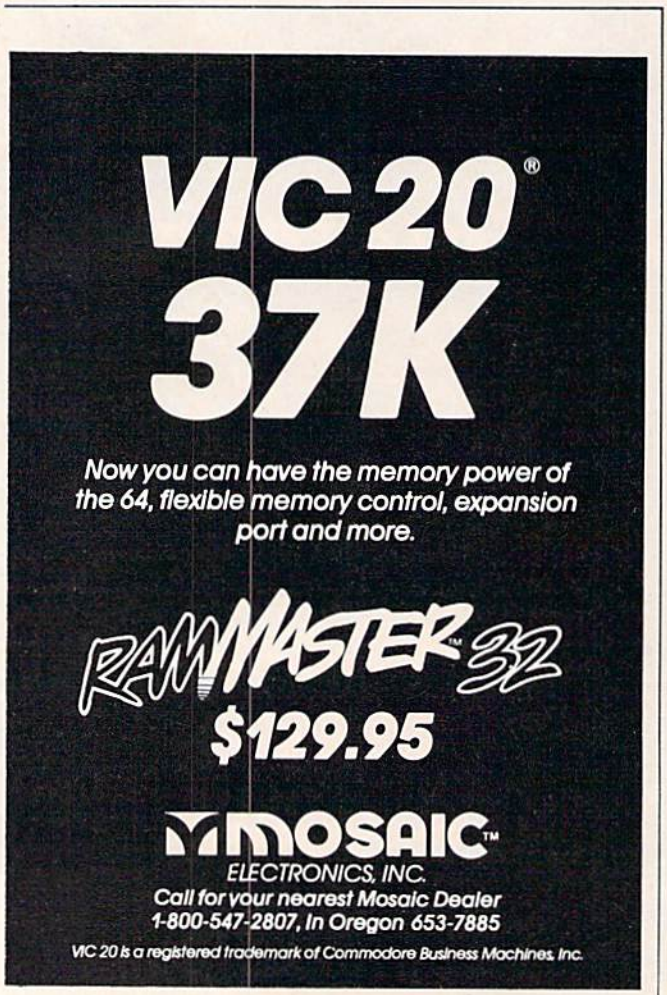
Let's face it—everything you write that is seen by other people is a reflection of not only your writing skill, but also your intelligence, style, and personality. These things show up between the lines, if not actually within them. If you are writing for publication, or sending a memo to your boss, or compiling a report to be seen by coworkers, or mailing a complaint letter to a company or a congressman, can you afford not to have every sentence as perfect as you can make it? How many times have you let a typo or awkward sentence slip by because it would mean retyping or rewriting an entire page or more?

Even more important, word processing should not be limited to adults. Children should be encouraged to write on a word processor as soon as they can handle the keyboard and the equipment (which these days is a pretty early age, it seems). Many school systems are beginning to realize the educational value of word processing. Word processors are becoming standard equipment in hundreds of schools, even at the elementary level. In fact, one commercial word processor now on the market for home computers (Brøderbund's *Bank Street Writer*) was specifically designed with young people in mind.

For years, standardized college-entry exams have revealed that the writing skills of American students are sadly deteriorating. Perhaps more emphasis on composition and the careful revision of one's own work—assisted by word processing—can help reverse the trend. Early results from classrooms using word processors are encouraging.

It certainly wouldn't hurt if children were started in this direction at home, using their family's home computer. They could be urged to use the computer for writing book reports, letters to grandparents, keeping a personal diary, composing their own stories, collecting jokes they hear, or just fooling around. In short, anything that gives them writing practice, whether they realize it or not.

More than a few adults have improved their writing with a word processor, too—including this writer. When I hear the cliché that computers (particularly home computers) are "a solution in search of a problem," I argue that even if computers were good for nothing else but word processing, it would be enough to justify their existence. Although the world got along fine for years with pencils and typewriters, sometimes a problem doesn't become obvious until a better solution is invented.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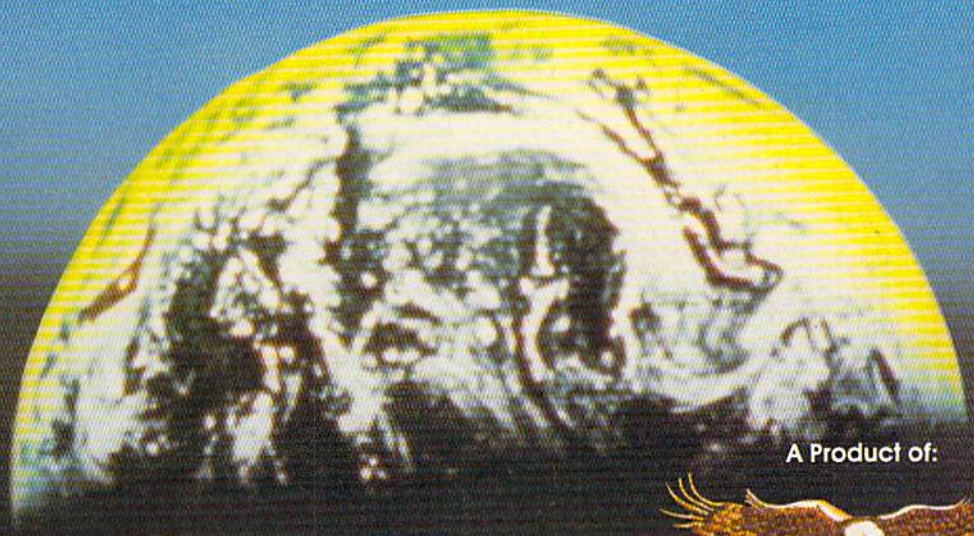

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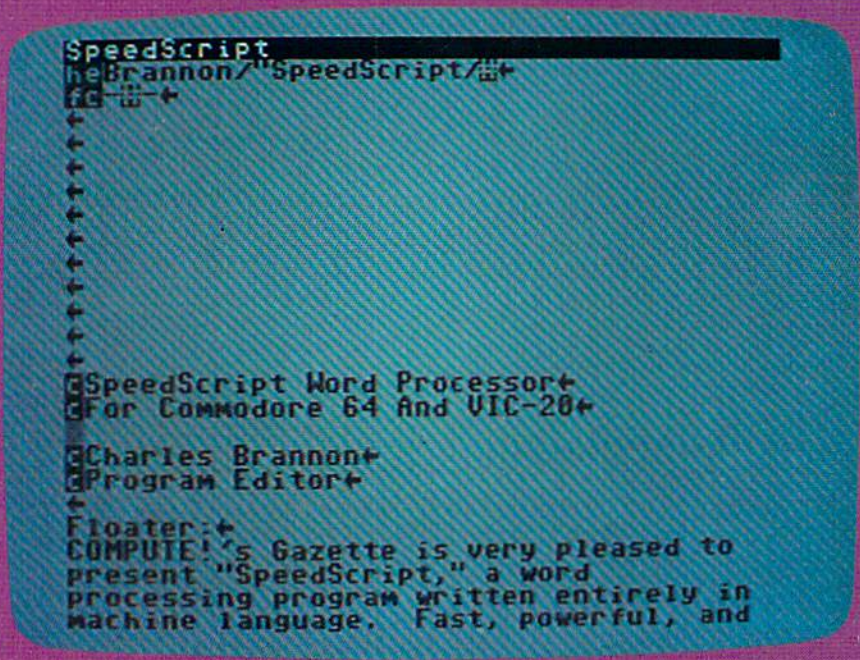
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A current advertising campaign extols the virtues of a ballpoint pen that can erase like a pencil, dubbing it the "portable, personal word processor." It can even plot graphics. Like a word processor, the pen can edit, change, and erase. It can produce flawless hard copy. And, indeed, you can draw circles, squares, and bar graphs. But can the pen move paragraphs? Put a 100-page book on a 5¼" disk? Turn a rough draft into final copy with only a few changes? Can it truly edit without a trace of correction, and produce formatted, double-spaced, automatically page-numbered text?

Maybe we're not being fair to the erasable pen, but it should be made clear that word processing is more than just a computerized typewriter. Such a "word processor" would be a few lines long:

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10 OPEN 1,4
20 INPUT A$
30 PRINT#1,A$
40 GOTO 20
```

When RUN, the program flashes the cursor and waits for a line to be typed. When you hit RETURN, the line is sent to the printer. You can move the cursor left and overstrike or use the DEL key to make changes to the line before you hit RETURN and print it out. But once it's on paper, it's committed. Too late to make any changes.

With a true word processor, you type everything in first, then print the whole thing out. Before you print, you can make as many changes as you want. A good word processor lets you change any line, swap paragraphs, and manipulate your text in numerous other ways. You can buy such a word processing program for your VIC or 64 for $40 to more than $100, depending on the features.

Or you can type in "SpeedScript." Even if you already own a commercial word processor for your VIC or 64, we think you'll be pleasantly surprised. SpeedScript offers all the standard features, plus others you may not have seen before. And there are nearly identical versions for both the 64 and VIC (with 8K or more expansion memory).

Entering SpeedScript

First, you'll need to type in SpeedScript. Programs 1 and 2 look long, but they are only about 4.5K, shorter than most BASIC games. The mass of numbers are machine language. Only with machine language do you get such power, speed, and compactness. Unfortunately, machine language isn't as easy to enter as a BASIC program. To aid with all the typing, we've developed MLX, the machine language editor. Be sure to read and understand the MLX article before you begin typing in SpeedScript.

Type in and SAVE the MLX program. The VIC version will require the 8K expander, both for MLX and SpeedScript. When you are ready to enter SpeedScript, turn your machine off and on (to clear it out), then enter one of these two lines before you load MLX:

for the VIC:

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POKE 44,37:POKE 9472,0:NEW
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for the 64:

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POKE 44,27:POKE 6912,0:NEW
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You can then load MLX from tape or disk, and enter RUN. MLX will ask for the starting and ending addresses. The starting address is the first number in the listing: 2049 for the Commodore 64, and 4609 for the VIC-20. The ending address is the last number plus five: 6842 for the 64, and 9342 for the VIC-20. After you enter this, follow the instructions in the MLX article to enter the listing. We've entered it here, and it takes only a few hours (you can stop, save your work, and continue typing in several sessions). No matter what your typing speed is, rest assured that it will be well worth your effort.

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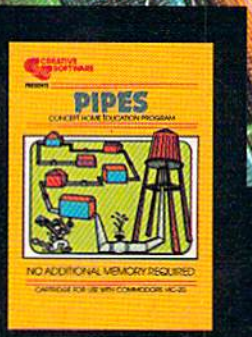

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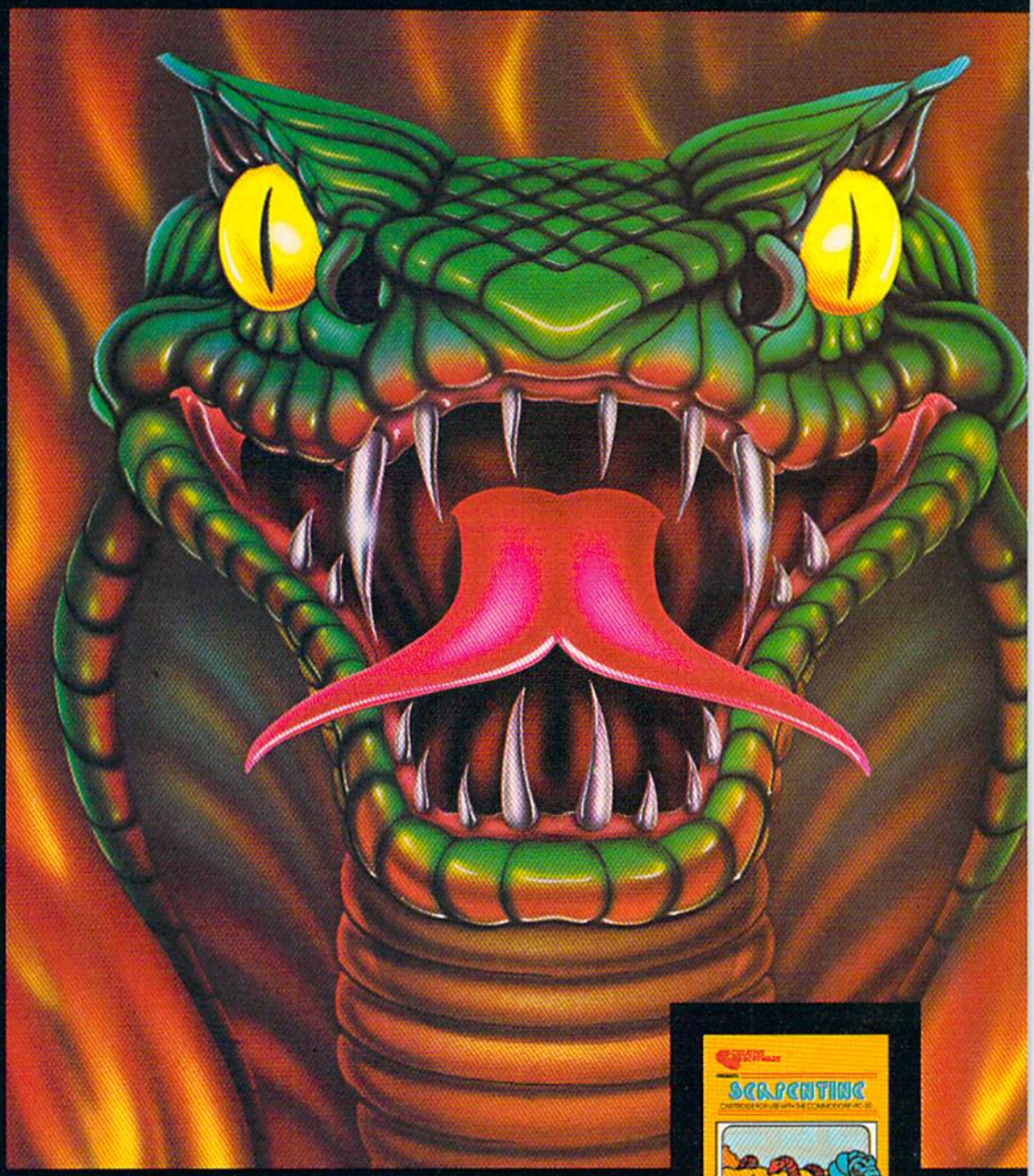

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Getting Started

After you enter SpeedScript with MLX, you can just LOAD it like a BASIC program. As a matter of fact, you can make copies of it with the SAVE command, as usual (SAVE "SPEEDSCRIPT" or SAVE "SPEEDSCRIPT",8 for disk). After you LOAD, enter RUN.

The screen will be light gray or white with black (or dark gray) lettering. The top line of the screen is highlighted.

The blinking cursor shows you where text will appear when you begin typing. You cannot type on the top line of the screen. This is the command window, and is used by SpeedScript to ask questions and display messages. When a message is displayed, it will remain until you begin typing again.

To get started, just begin typing. If a word you're typing won't fit on the screen line, the word and the cursor are moved to the next line. This is called word wrap, or parsing. It makes your text much easier to read on the screen, as words are never split across the margin. Another thing to notice is that a back-arrow appears if you press RETURN. This marks the end of a paragraph or line. It is not necessary to press RETURN at the end of each screen line, as you must do when reaching the end of a line on a typewriter.

Most of us, being human, are not infallible, so you may need to correct your typing mistakes. This is a big advantage of a word processor. You fix your errors before you print, so there's no messy fluids or special ribbons (Did you ever have to manually erase on a typewriter?—ugh!)

If you want to backspace, press the INST/DEL key in the unSHIFTed position. The cursor backs up and erases the last letter you typed. You can press it as many times as necessary to back up to the error, then retype the rest of the sentence. This is clearly not the best way to do things. Instead, you can move the cursor nondestructively. The cursor control keys are in the lower-right corner of the keyboard (see Figure 1: Keyboard Map). The CRSR left/right key moves the cursor to the right, and when SHIFTed moves the cursor left. Before you can correct the error, you have to move the cursor to the word in question. For example, to correct this line:

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Now is the rime for
all good men
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The cursor is moved to the "r" (cursor-left 21 times):

```
Now is the rime for
all good men
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The letter "t" is typed:

```
Now is the time for
all good men
```

And the cursor is moved to the end:

```
Now is the time for
all good men
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Resume typing:

```
Now is the time for
all good men to
come to the aid of
they're country.
```

Another error! We typed "they're" instead of "their." No problem.

In the above example, of course, you don't have to press the cursor-left key 21 times. You can just hold down the cursor-left key. It will repeat, and keep moving until you let go.

English Cursor Controls

You can also move the cursor in ways that make sense in plain English. For example, if you hold down SHIFT and press the f1 function key, (which is how you get f2), the cursor jumps back to the previous word. To correct the error in the example above, just press f2 five times. You can then press f1 five times to go back to the end of the sentence and resume typing. Here is a list of what the function keys do:

f1: Move cursor to next word.
f2: Move cursor to previous word.
f3: Move cursor to start of next sentence.
f4: Move cursor to start of previous sentence.
f5: Move cursor to start of next paragraph.
f6: Move cursor to start of previous paragraph.

SpeedScript recognizes a sentence by the ending punctuation (. or ? or !), or by a RETURN mark (back-arrow). A paragraph is any sequence of characters that ends in a RETURN mark (a RETURN mark by itself, which you can use to make blank lines, counts as a paragraph).

Since you're working with English, the cursor up-down keys do not move up or down exactly one screen line. Instead, they act like f3 and f4. Cursor-down moves to the next sentence, and cursor-up moves to the previous sentence. This is easier to understand for many people, but it takes some getting used to for others.

As you begin to move the cursor around, you'll notice that you cannot move the cursor past the end of text. There is an invisible marker, sometimes called End Of File (EOF) at the end of the document. You can add text to the end of your document, but you cannot move past it, since there's nothing there. In a very few cases, you may see some text past the end of file, but you can't move to it, so ignore it.

Many of the other keys behave predictably. The CLR/HOME key in the unSHIFTed position moves the cursor to the top of the screen. If you press it twice, it brings you to the top of your document (in case the document is longer than one screen). The insert key (SHIFT-INST/DEL) inserts a space at the cursor position. You can press it as many times as necessary to make space for inserting a word. You

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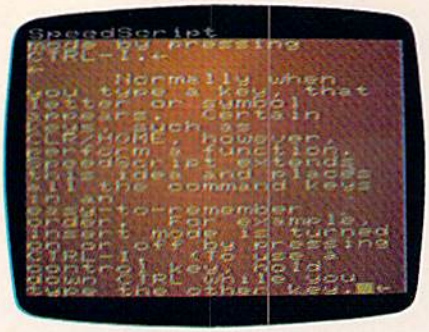

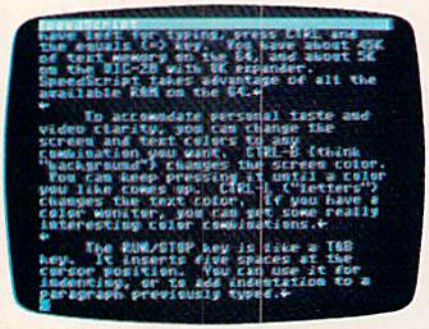

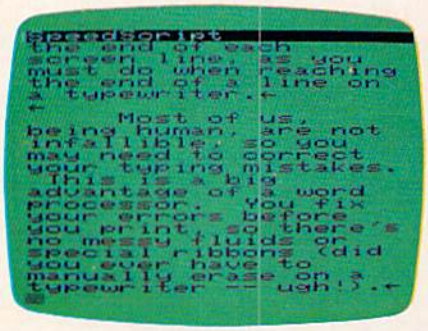

can also go into insert mode, where every letter you type is automatically inserted. In insert mode, it is not possible to overstrike. You enter or leave insert mode by pressing CTRL-I.

Normally when you type a key, that letter or symbol appears. Certain keys, such as CLR/HOME, however, perform a function. SpeedScript extends this idea and places all the command keys in an easy-to-remember order. For example, insert mode is turned on or off by pressing CTRL-I. (To use a control key, hold down CTRL while you type the other key.)

When you enter insert mode, the command window changes color to remind you. If you press CTRL-I again, you're back in normal overstrike mode, and the command window reverts to its usual color.

CTRL-Z moves you to the bottom of your document (end of file). It's useful for adding text to the end. If you want to check how much memory you have left for typing, press CTRL and the equals (=) key. You have about 45K of text memory on the 64, and about 5K on the VIC-20 with 8K expander. SpeedScript takes advantage of all the available RAM on the 64.

To accommodate personal taste and video clarity, you can change the screen and text colors to any combination you want. CTRL-B (think "background") changes the screen color. You can keep pressing it until a color you like comes up. CTRL-L ("letters") changes the text color. If you have a color monitor, you can get some really interesting combinations.

The RUN/STOP key is like a TAB key. It inserts five spaces at the cursor position. You can use it for indenting, or to add indentation to a paragraph previously typed.

If you want to change the case of a letter or word, position the cursor on the letter and press CTRL-A. It will switch from lower- to uppercase or vice versa. CTRL-A moves the cursor to the right, so you can hold it down to change more than one letter. Another handy command is CTRL-X, or Transpose. It will switch two adjacent letters. My most common typing mistake is to wsitch (switch) two letters while I'm typing fast. With CTRL-X, it's easy to exchange the two letters without overstriking (which is useful in insert mode).

Text Deletion

With a typewriter, if you don't like what you've typed, you can tear the paper out, crumple it up, and dunk it into "file 13." With a word processor, this satisfying act is accomplished with but a few keystrokes.

With the DEL key, you can erase the last letter typed. If you're in the middle of text and press it, you'll notice that the character the cursor is sitting on is pulled on top of the previous character, and the rest of the text follows along. It sounds a little confusing, but it's easy:

```
The quick brown fox
juunmped over
```

Cursor is moved to error:

```
The quick brown fox
juunmped over
```

DEL is struck twice, deleting the erroneous characters:

```
The quick brown fox
juumped over
The quick brown fox
jumped over
```

If you don't want the text to be pulled back, you can press the back-arrow key. It will just backspace and blank out the previous character without pulling the adjacent characters backward. Another way to delete is with CTRL-back-arrow. The cursor does not move, but the following text is "sucked into" the cursor. It is like a tiny black hole.

If you want to strike out a whole word, sentence, or para-

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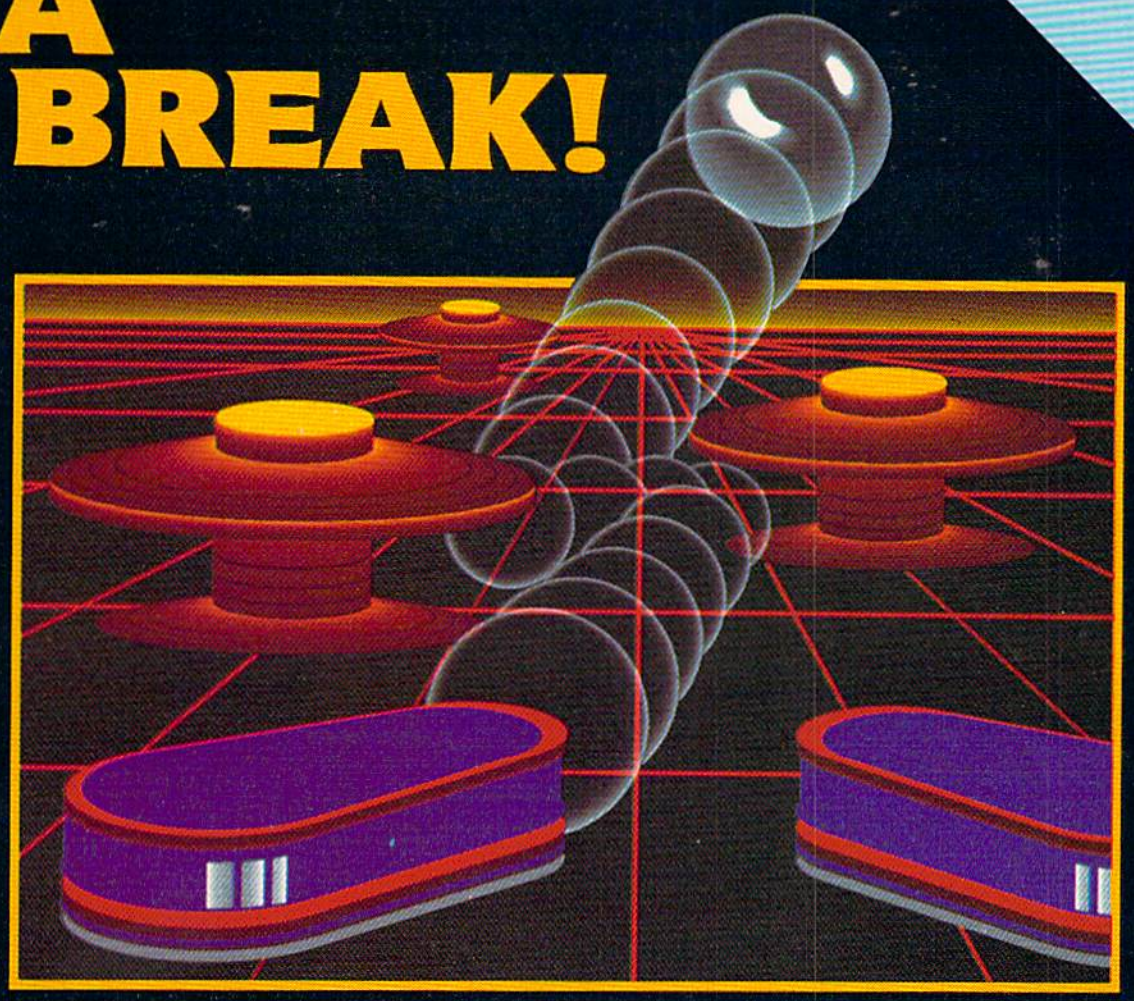

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graph, it's time for a more drastic command: CTRL-E. When you press CTRL-E, the command window turns red (to instill fear and awe). You see the message:

```
Erase (S,W,P):
RETURN to exit
```

Each time you press one of the three keys, a sentence, word, or paragraph is pulled toward the cursor and deleted. You can keep pressing S, W, or P until all the text you want to remove is gone. Then press RETURN to exit the Erase function and resume writing. Erase will remove text to the right of the cursor. If you are at the end of a sentence, word, or paragraph, you can use Delete (CTRL-D) to erase backward. CTRL-D displays:

```
Delete (S,W,P)
```

and immediately returns to the normal mode after its work is done. As an analogy, CTRL-Delete is like the DEL key, and CTRL-Erase is like CTRL-back-arrow.

What if you pressed one key too many in the Erase command? What if you change your mind? Oh, no! What if you accidentally erased the wrong paragraph? On most word processors, you're out of luck. But with SpeedScript, you can retrieve the crumpled-up piece of paper and "uncrumple" it. Within certain limitations, SpeedScript remembers and stores the text you Erase or Delete. If you change your mind, just press CTRL-R.

Here's how it works. When you Erase text, the text is moved from the main screen into a *failsafe buffer*, a reserved area of memory. The Commodore 64 version of SpeedScript reserves 12K for the failsafe buffer and the VIC-20 version has 1K.

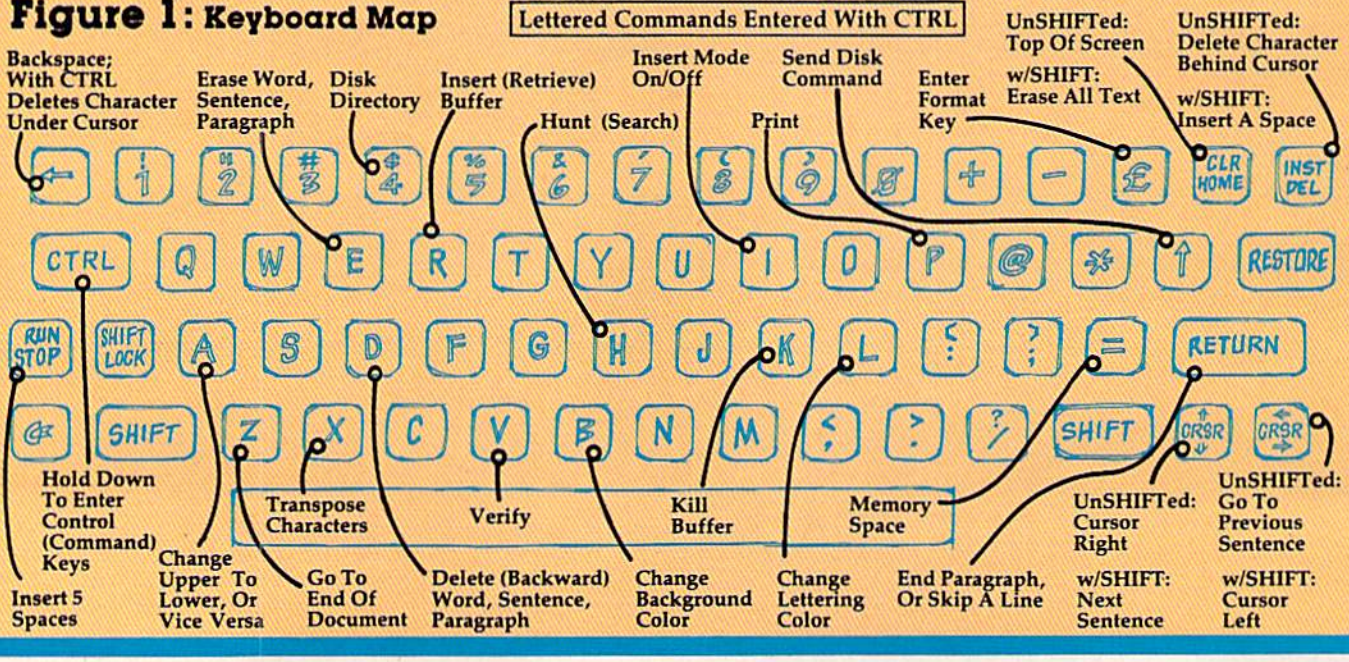
There's another valuable use for the buffer, too. You can move text by putting it in the buffer and recalling it at the destination. Just Erase the paragraphs, words, or sentences you want to move, then place the cursor where you want to insert the text and press CTRL-R (think "Restore," "Retrieve," or "Recall"). In a flash, the text is inserted. If you want to copy (rather than move) a word, sentence, or paragraph, you can restore the deleted text with CTRL-R, then move the cursor and press CTRL-R to insert the deleted text again. You can retrieve the buffer contents as often as you like. For example, if you use a long word or phrase often, just type it once, Erase it, then use CTRL-R to have the computer type it out for you.

You should be aware that CTRL-E and CTRL-D will clear the previous buffer contents. When you move one paragraph, then go back to move another, you don't want to have both paragraphs merged together the second time. Additionally, if CTRL-Delete added text to the buffer instead of replacing the buffer, CTRL-R would insert the text entries out of order, since CTRL-D deletes "backward."

If you want to move two paragraphs at the same time instead of separately, you can override the replacement and cause CTRL-Erase to add to the end of the buffer. Just hold down SHIFT with CTRL as you press E. If you want to force the buffer to be cleared, you can use CTRL-K (Kill) to clear the buffer. If you try to delete more than the length of the buffer (12K on the 64, 1K on the VIC), you'll see "Buffer Full". Stop and move the text, or use CTRL-K to clear the buffer to erase some more.

Finally, if you really want to wipe out all your text, there is a way. (Beware: You cannot re-

Figure 1: Keyboard Map



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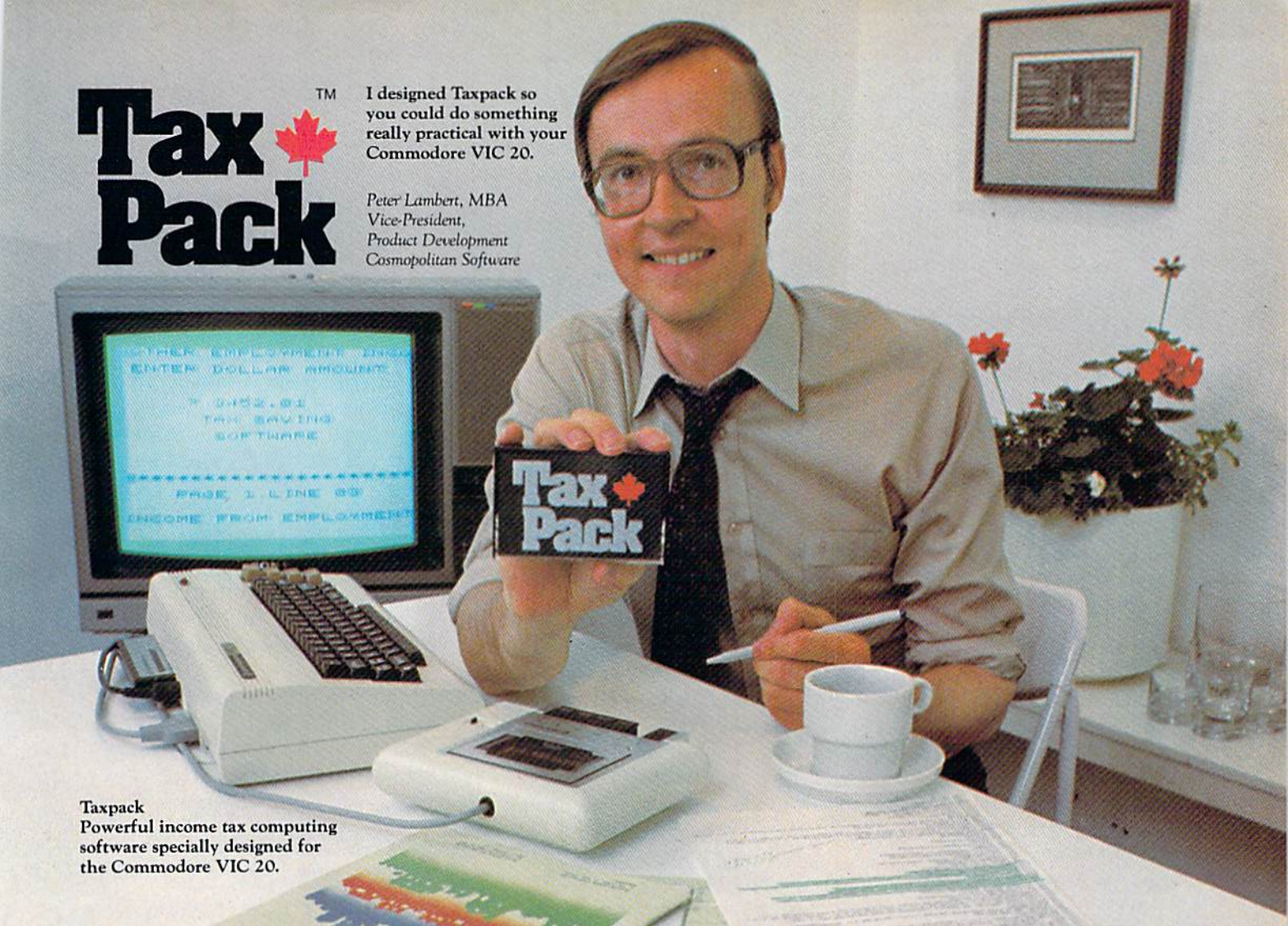

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cover from a total clear.) Press SHIFT-CLR/HOME. You will see:

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ERASE ALL TEXT: Are
you sure? (Y/N):
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If you really want to erase all the text, press Y. Any other key, including N, will return you to your text unharmed. You should use this command only when you want to start a new document, as it is one of the few ways to lose text beyond recovery.

Search Feature

When you are lost in the middle of a big document and want to find a particular word or phrase, the Hunt command comes in handy. Press CTRL-H and you'll see:

```
Hunt for:
```

Enter the word or phrase you want to find, then press RETURN. SpeedScript will locate the word and place the cursor on it, scrolling if necessary. If the phrase is not found, you'll see a "Not Found" message in the command window.

The first time you use Hunt, SpeedScript will search for the phrase from the top of the document. Pressing CTRL-H again will find the next occurrence of the search phrase after the cursor position. You can search for a new phrase without waiting to get "Not Found" for the previous phrase by holding down SHIFT while you press CTRL-H.

There are some tricks to using Hunt. For example, if you search for the word "if," SpeedScript will match it with the embedded "if" in a word like "specific." Should you just want to find the word "if," search for "if" followed by a space. Also, searching for "if" will not match with the capitalized "If."

Saving And Loading

What makes a word processor truly great is that you can save your typing to tape or disk. Say you're writing a term paper. You type it in and save it to disk. Your teacher returns the rough draft with suggested corrections. Without retyping the entire paper, you just load the original, make some changes, and print it out. A 5¼" disk can hold more writing than a briefcase! You can also write in stages: save your work as you go along, then come back to it at another time. Saving and loading alone elevates word processing far above any other means of writing.

To save your work, press f8 (SHIFT-f7). You will see:

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Save:
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Enter the name you want to use for the document. Follow the standard Commodore filename rules, such as keeping the name to 16 characters or less. Press RETURN, then press either T or D, answering the prompt TAPE OR DISK?.

After the Save is completed, you'll see NO ERRORS (hopefully). If there was an error during the save, such as no disk in the drive, or a disk full error, SpeedScript will read the error channel and display the error message. You'll get the error "file exists" if you try to save using a name that's already on the disk. If you want to replace the file, prefix the name with the characters "@:", such as "@:Document". This is called "Save with Replace." You can also press CTRL-↑ (up arrow, explained below) and scratch the file before you save.

Press f7 to load a file. You may want to use SHIFT-CLR/HOME to erase the current text first. The Load feature will append text starting wherever the cursor is positioned. This lets you merge several files from tape or disk into memory. If the cursor is not at the top of the file, the command window will change color to warn you that you are performing an append. You should add text only to the end of the file, as the end-of-file marker is put wherever the load stops. Also, beware that you can crash SpeedScript if you try to load a file and don't have enough room (a file longer than available memory).

You can use CTRL-V to Verify a saved file. Verify works like Load, but compares the file with what's in memory. It's most useful with tape, but you can use it with disk files, too.

SpeedScript files appear on the directory as PRG, program files. The documents certainly aren't programs, but since the operating system has convenient Save and Load routines, the text files are just dumped from memory. This is also more reliable for tape. You can load files created on some other word processors, such as *WordPro* or *PaperClip*, but you may have to do some reformatting. If the upper- and lowercase come out reversed, you can hold down CTRL-A to transform the entire file.

Other Disk Commands

Use CTRL-4 (think CTRL-$, as in LOAD"$",8 from BASIC) to look at the disk directory. You will not lose whatever text you have in memory. While the directory is being printed on the screen, you can press CTRL to slow down the printing, or the space bar to freeze the listing (press the space bar again to continue).

You can send any other disk command with CTRL-↑ (up-arrow). It may not seem easy to remember, but I think of the arrow as pointing to the disk drive. The command window shows a greater-than sign (>). Type in the disk command and press RETURN. By referring to your disk drive manual, you can do anything the commands permit, such as Initialize, New, Copy, Rename, Scratch, etc. (also see "Getting Started With A Disk Drive," a continuing series in COMPUTE!'s GAZETTE). If you press RETURN without entering a disk command,

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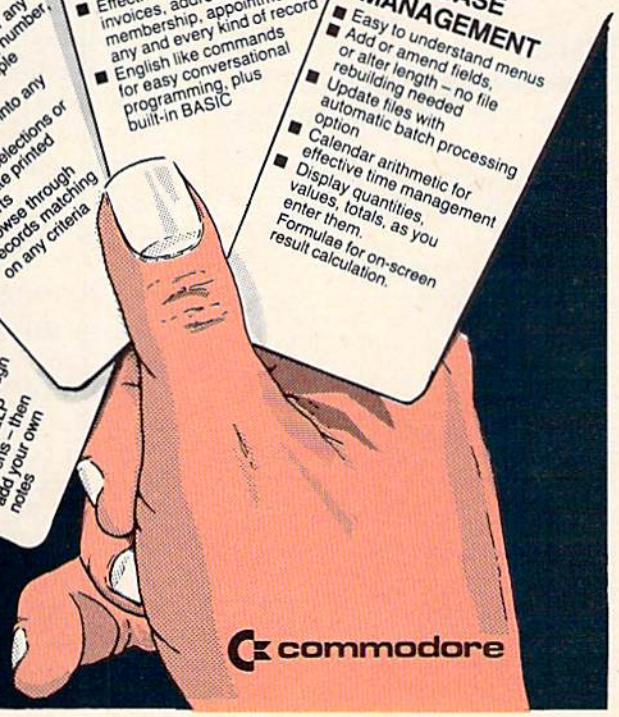

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Table 1:
Clip-Out Quick Reference Card—Editing Commands

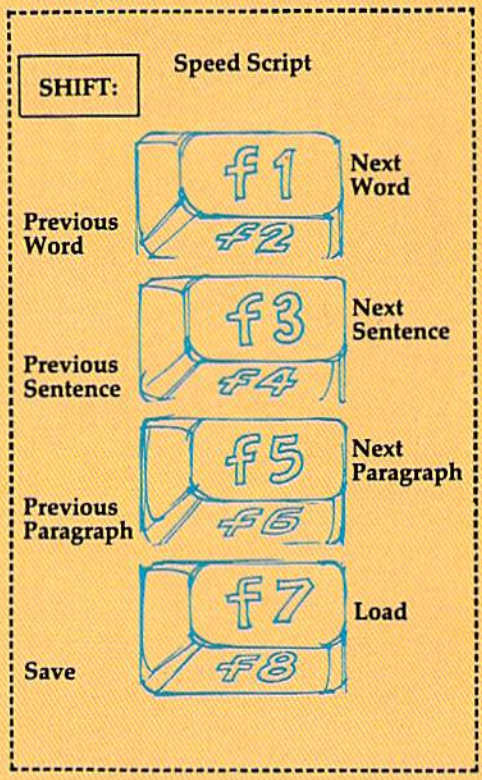
CTRL-A: Change case
CTRL-B: Change background color
CTRL-D: Delete
CTRL-E: Erase
CTRL-H: Hunt
CTRL-I: Insert Mode
CTRL-K: Clear buffer
CTRL-L: Change lettering color
CTRL-P: Print
CTRL-R: Recall buffer
CTRL-V: Verify
CTRL-X: Transpose characters
CTRL-Z: End of document
CTRL-4: Disk directory
CTRL-↑: Send DOS command
CTRL-£: Enter format key
f1: Next word
f2: Previous word
f3: Next sentence
f4: Previous sentence
f5: Next paragraph
f6: Previous paragraph
f7: Load
f8: Save
Cursor Up: Previous sentence
Cursor Down: Next sentence
Cursor Left/Right: As implied
CLR/HOME: Erase All
Back-arrow: Backspace
CTRL-Back-arrow: Delete character
RUN/STOP: Insert 5 spaces

Table 2:
Clip-Out Quick Reference Card—Format Commands

Format commands in column one are entered with CTRL-£.

Cmd	Description	Default
l	left margin	5
r	right margin	75
t	top margin	5
b	bottom margin	58
h	define header	none
f	define footer	none
w	wait for next sheet	no wait
a	true ASCII	
u	underline toggle	
c	center line	
e	edge right	
#	page number	
1–9	see text	

Figure 2:
Clip-Out Function Key Overlay



SpeedScript displays the disk error message (if any). It may be obvious by now that CTRL-↑ is much like the DOS wedge.

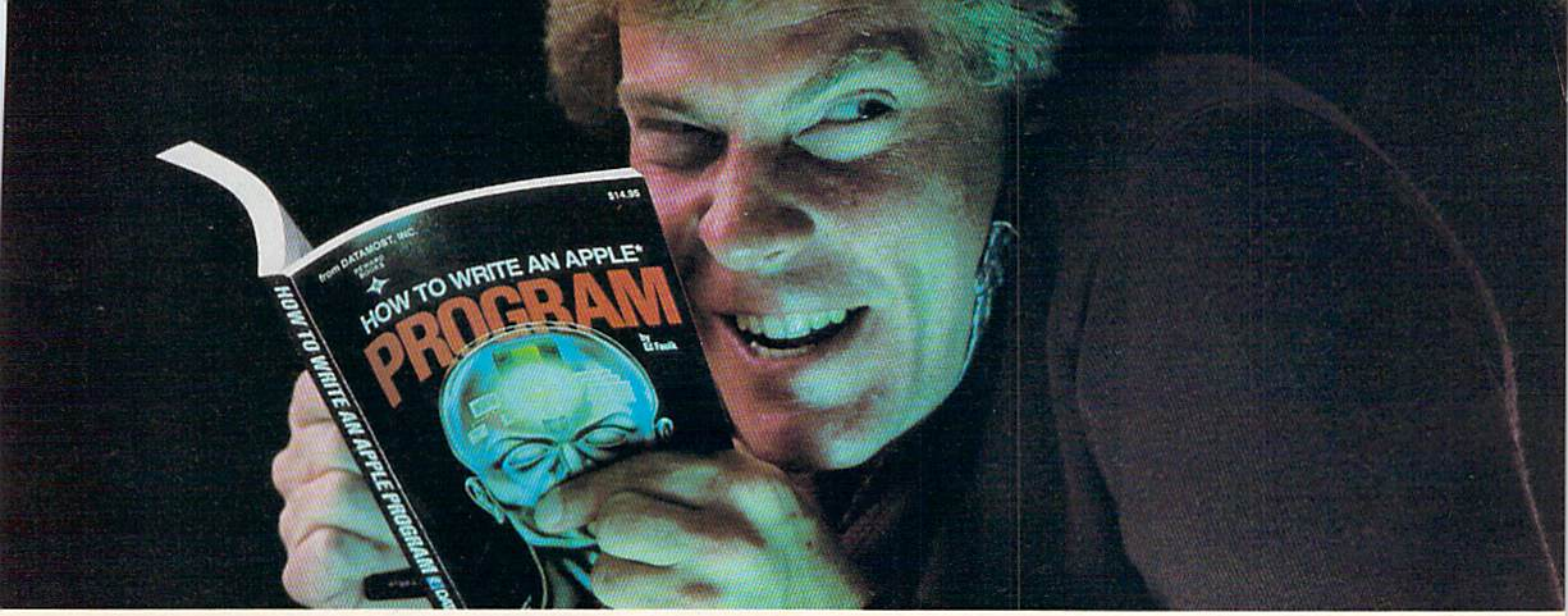
PRINT!

At last, we get to the whole point of word processing—the printout. Actually, you can use SpeedScript without a printer. If you and a friend each have a copy of SpeedScript, you can exchange letters on tape or disk, ready to load and view. You can get a lot of text on one tape or disk. And if you have a friend with a printer and a VIC or 64, you can bring SpeedScript and your files.

Before your text can be printed, it must be formatted. The text must be broken into lines with margins, and there has to be a way to divide the output into pages. For those with pinfeed paper, we also need to skip over the perforation. Of course, it would be nice to be able to automatically number all pages. And why not let the computer center lines for you, or block them edge right? You should be able to change the left and right margin anytime, as well as line spacing. Headers and footers at the top and bottom of each page would add a really nice touch.

Well, SpeedScript does all that and more. But with that power comes the responsibility to learn more commands. These commands do not act directly on the text, but control how the text is printed out. Some commands do things like change the left margin, while others let you do things with the text like centering or underlining. Remember, the formatting commands will not change how the text on the screen looks. They affect only the hardcopy (what's on paper).

Thanks to several default settings, you can print right away without using any printer commands. If you press CTRL-P, SpeedScript will make several assumptions and begin to print. A few of these assumptions are: left margin of five spaces, right margin at 75 (meaning a line



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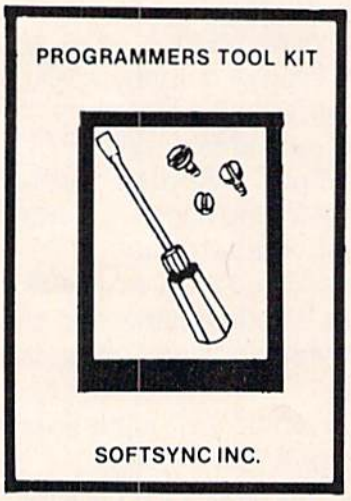

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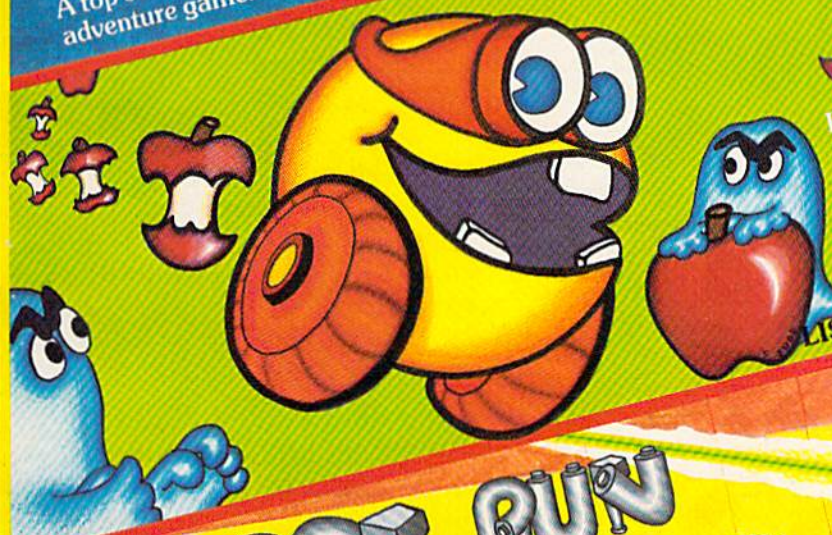

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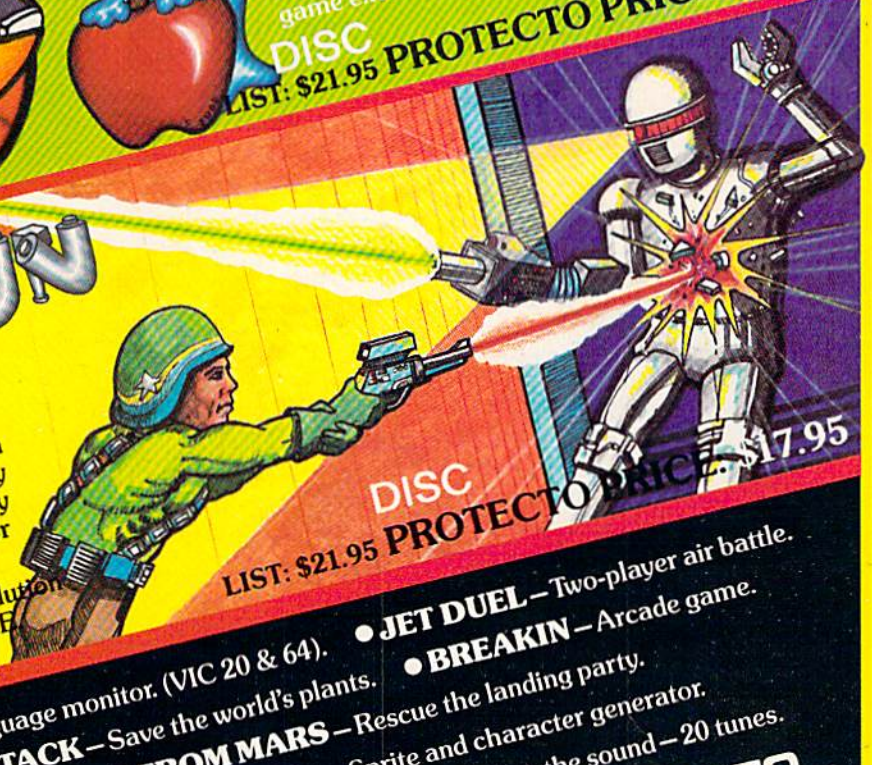

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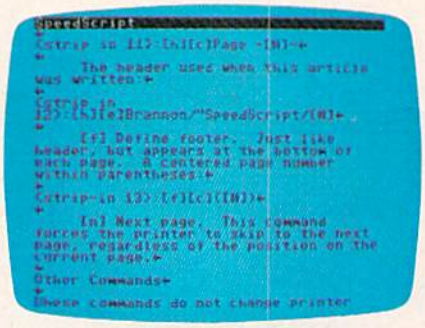

length of 70 characters), and double spacing. If you want to change these settings, you'll need to use the formatting commands.

Entering Format Commands

The format commands are single letters or characters that appear on the screen in reverse video. To get a reverse video letter, press CTRL and the English pound sign (next to the CLR/HOME key). The command window will prompt "Key:". Now press one of the format letters, such as "r" for right margin, or "c" for center. That letter will appear in reverse video (within a "box," with its colors switched). SpeedScript recognizes only lowercase letters and some symbols as commands.

Changing Printer Variables

The printer variables are values such as left margin, right margin, line spacing, top and bottom margins, etc. They are called variables because they can change. For example, to quote a passage within your text, you may indent it by increasing the left margin, and also change to single spacing to set it apart. You would then want to switch back to normal margins and double spacing for the rest of the paper.

To change a printer variable, just follow the reverse video letter with a number. Do not leave a space between a letter and a number. You can put the format commands anywhere in text, though I prefer to group them together on a line of their own. Here is an example setting:

```
[l10[r60[s1[t10[b50←
```

To set off these format commands, I'll show here that they are in reverse video by enclosing them in brackets. You'll enter them with CTRL-English pound sign.

[l] Left margin, default 5. The left margin is the number of spaces to indent for each line.

[r] Right margin, default 75. This must be a number less than 80, which is the number of characters that can fit on a line. Add the line length you want to the left margin to get the right margin.

[t] Top margin, default 5. How many blank lines to skip from the top of the page to the first line of printing. Should be at least 5.

[b] Bottom margin, default 58. A number less than 66, which is the number of lines on an 8½" × 11" sheet of paper or pinfeed paper. Do not use a bottom margin more than 58.

[h] Define header. The header is printed at the top of each page, if you specify one. To define the header, begin a line with [h], enter the header text, then press RETURN. Example:

```
[hAccounting
Procedures←
```

You can embed a format [c] after the [h] to center the header, a format [e] to block the header edge right, and a format [#] any place you want a page number to appear. Examples:

A centered page title with a dash on each side:

```
[hcPage -[#]-←
```

The header used when this article was written:

```
[hcBrannon/
"SpeedScript/[#]←
```

[f] Define footer. Just like header, but appears at the bottom of each page. A centered page number within parentheses:

```
[fc(#)←
```

[n] Next page. This command forces the printer to skip to the next page, regardless of the position on the current page.

Other Commands

These commands do not change printer variables, so they are usually embedded within a line.

[u] Underline—place on each side of a word or phrase to under-

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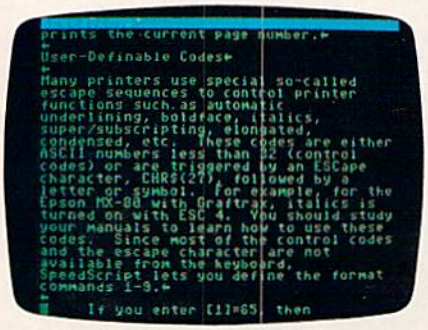
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escape sequences to control printer
functions such as automatic
underlining, boldface, italics,
super/subscripting, elongated,
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ASCII numbers less than 32 (control
codes) or are triggered by an ESCape
character, CHR$(27), followed by a
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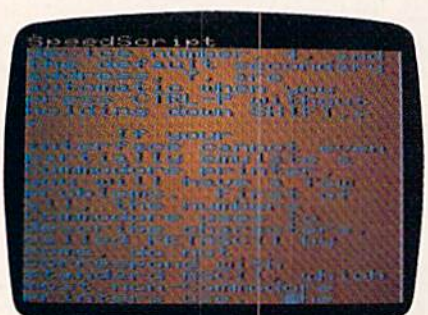
←
If you enter [1]=65, then



line. It works by backspacing and overstriking an underline symbol on top of each character. Some printers, including the VIC 1525, do not support the backspace command, so underlining will not work on these printers.

[c] Center—place this at the start of a line you wish to center. Remember to end the line with RETURN.

[e] Edge right—like center, but will block the line to the edge of the right margin.

[#] Page number—When SpeedScript encounters this symbol, it prints the current page number.

User-Definable Codes

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If you enter [1]=65, then every time the reverse video [1] is encountered during printing, that character (65 is the letter A in ASCII) is sent to the printer. For example, SpeedScript uses the back-arrow for a carriage return mark, so you can't directly cause a back-arrow to print on the printer. Instead, you can look up the ASCII value of the back-arrow, which is 95. You would enter [1]=95, say, at the top of your document. Then, any place you want to print a back-arrow, just embed a [1] in your text. The first four numbers are predefined so that you don't have to set them, but you can change their definition:

[1]=27 (escape), [2]=14 (elongated, most printers), [3]=15 (elongated off), [4]=18 (condensed).

A fascinating possibility is to trigger the bit graphics capability of your printer. For example, you could define special characters. On the VIC 1525, you could send a graphic box (for a checklist perhaps) with:

```
1=82=153=2554=193
1344444432 Toothpaste
```

This would appear on the printer as:

```
□ Toothpaste
```

Printer Compatibility

SpeedScript works best, of course, with a standard Commodore printer. However, we have used it with several other printers such as the Epson MX-80, an Okidata Microline 82A, and the Leading Edge Prowriter (NEC 8023), via an appropriate interface. The interfaces I've used are the Cardco Card/Print and the Tymac Connection. Any interface that works through the Commodore serial port should be fine. SpeedScript will probably not work with an RS-232 printer attached to the modem/user port. SpeedScript may operate with some interfaces which emulate a Centronics port on the user port via software, as long as the software does not conflict with SpeedScript. If you can get your printer to work fine with CTRL-P, skip the next few paragraphs to avoid confusion.

The Commodore printers and most interfaces use a device number of 4. (Other device numbers are 1 for the tape drive and 8 for the disk drive). If you have more than one printer attached with different device numbers, you can enter this number by holding down SHIFT while you press CTRL-P. You'll be asked to enter the device number and the secondary address. Incidentally,

you can get a rough idea of page breaks before printing by using a device number of 3, which causes output to go to the screen.

The secondary address is a command number for the printer. For Commodore printers or interfaces which emulate the Commodore printer, the secondary address should be 7, which signifies lowercase mode. The default device number, 4, and the default secondary address, 7, are automatic when you press CTRL-P without holding down SHIFT.

If your interface cannot even partially emulate a Commodore printer, you will have a few problems. First of all, the numbers Commodore uses to describe characters, called PETASCII by some, do not correspond with standard ASCII, which most non-Commodore printers use. The result is usually that upper- and lowercase come out switched. SpeedScript lets you get around this if you place a format [a] at the top of your file.

You also need to use the [a] if you want to bypass the emulation offered by the interface. You may do this to be able to activate your printer's special function codes which are often intercepted and interpreted by the interface. You will also have to use a different secondary address. I'll have to bow out and suggest you scrutinize both your printer's manual and that of the interface.

Pinfeed Versus Single Sheet

The pinfeed or tractor feed is the cheapest and most common paper delivery system for printers. Some printers, however, have a platen like a typewriter and can accept single sheets of paper, such as stationery or company letterhead paper. Normally, SpeedScript prints continuously, skipping over the perforation that divides continuous pinfeed paper.

If you are using single sheets of paper, you need SpeedScript to stop at the end of each page, tell you to insert a new sheet, then continue. If you place a reverse video [w] (for Wait) at the top of your file (again, use CTRL-English pound sign to do this), SpeedScript will do just that. When you get to the end of the page, insert a new sheet, then press RETURN to continue printing.

As you can tell, SpeedScript is a truly comprehensive word processor. I used it to write this article, and it is becoming popular here at COMPUTE! Publications, where writing is a main activity. Although SpeedScript is ultimately easy to use, it may take you a while to master all the features and variations. I hope your adventure will prove to be fascinating and fruitful.

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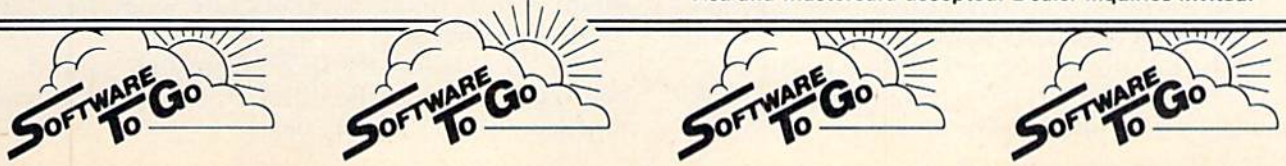

The Inner World Of Computers

Part 3: How A Computer Remembers

Tom Prendergast

This month's installment examines how computers store information in memory, how you can manipulate that information with PEEK and POKE commands, and how a computer stores a BASIC program.

There have been lots of fan letters (at least two) wanting to learn more about the ELFS (ELectronic FingerS) that work the microswitches inside your computer. Keep those letters coming, folks.

There's one thing we'd like to clear up at the beginning, though. Some people thought it was cruel to shrink programmers down to ELF-size so they could be squeezed into a computer. That's not what we said! We said some genius noticed that the ON/OFF pattern of the front-panel switches on the early mainframes looked like binary and began to program the switches in binary. Then, since hand-setting was no longer necessary, the switches were moved inside. So it was the program and not the programmer that was put inside the computer—there's a big difference.

The earliest computers, full of vacuum tubes and wires, were called "giant brains." They were as big as the side of a barn, but they weren't as brainy as an unexpanded VIC of today because they were four-bit computers, with *nybble*-sized (four-bit-wide) memory cells. You might call them the "four-fathers" (Ouch!) of the VIC and 64, which have eight-bit (*byte*-sized) memory cells.

Four bits limit you to 16 possible binary ON/OFF switch-patterns—0000, 0001, 0010, 0011, 0100, 0101, 0110, 0111, 1000, 1001, 1010, 1011, 1100, 1101, 1111—if you remember our "15-cent computer" of two months ago. You can crowd a heckuva lot more information into an eight-bit byte, because the powers of two *double* the possibilities with every bit you add.

Even so, you can do a lot with four-bit nybbles. Hexadecimal is read in nybbles, and the VIC-20 uses nybble chips in color memory.

ELF joke: How many ELFS does it take to change a light bulb? Eight if it's a light bulb, but only four if it's a color bulb.

A computer's brain is a lot like ours, although it's a lot smaller, because it's divided into different sections that remember different things. There's a section that remembers what color it was using (color memory), a section that remembers where it put certain things (the *stack*), sections that remember how to do arithmetic and what the letters of the alphabet are.

A PEEK is like reading a computer's mind because it tells you the different kinds of information stored in a memory cell.

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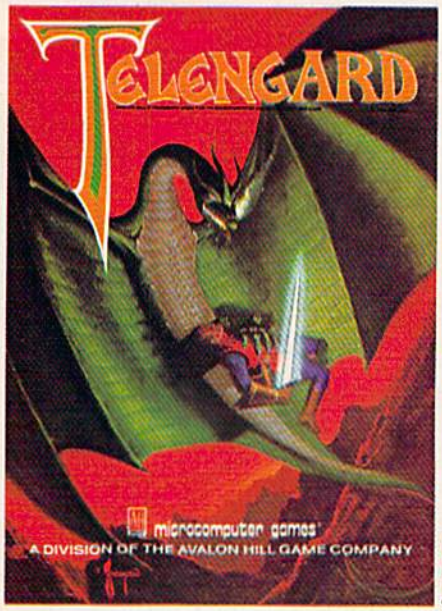

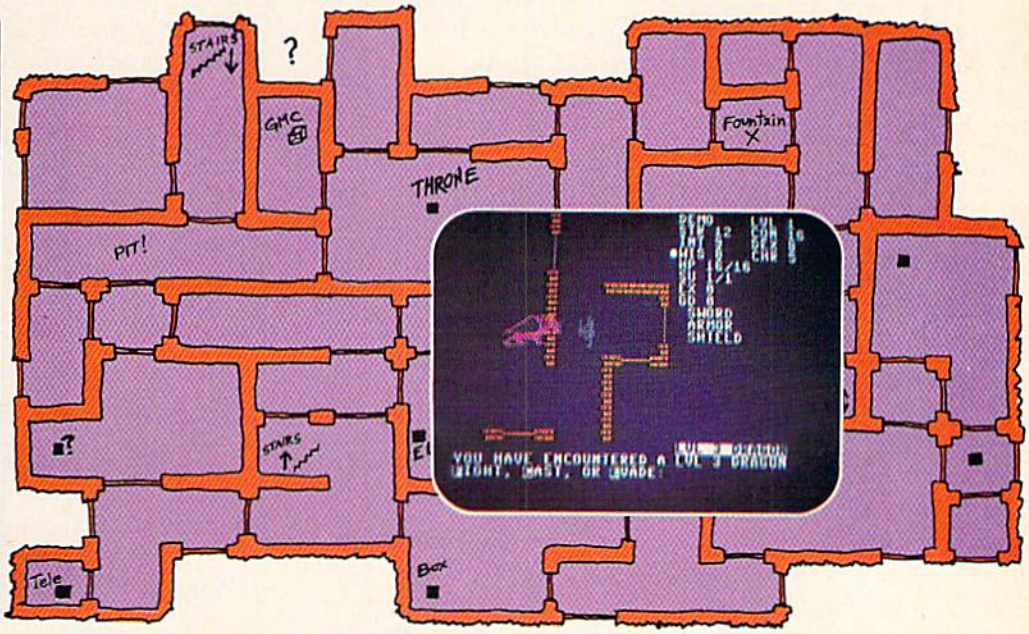

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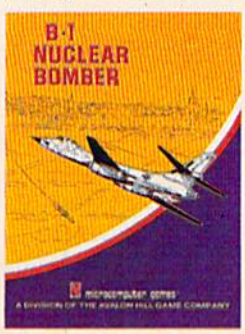

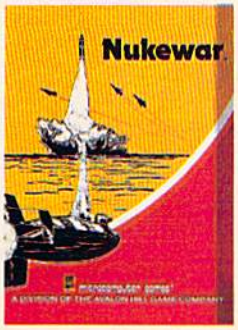

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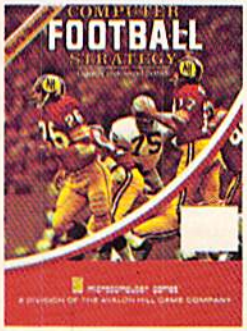

If you count the ASCII and CHR$ codes (see the charts in the back of the VIC and 64 manuals), you'll find there are 256 of them. You have a code for every letter of the alphabet, the decimal numbers from 0 to 9, punctuation marks, graphics—plus codes that call up functions, such as CHR$(147), which clears the screen.

A fully expanded VIC, PET, Apple, Atari, or Commodore 64 has 65536 memory cells, each of which can remember up to 256 different switching-patterns (thought patterns.) Some cells are "hard-wired"—the Read Only Memory (ROM) cells—and can't be changed. But you can change anything in Random Access Memory (RAM) with a POKE.

You can POKE any number up to 255, but when you get to the limit of ON-bits a byte can hold—11111111 (255)—that's it! The next number would be 256 (100000000), and that's 9 bits—too many bits for an eight-bit byte. If you POKE 256 or higher, you'll get an ?ILLEGAL QUANTITY ERROR.

By the way, don't you just love those error messages? What's so illegal about asking for something that isn't there? And the question mark before ILLEGAL is a dead giveaway that they're not quite certain it is illegal. But that's not the ELFS' fault, it's a canned message in ROM memory. When you get a little deeper into machine language, you'll be able to change error messages to anything you want. Like, SORRY, SWEETHEART—TRY AGAIN. You do this by changing the "pointer" (sort of like an ELF bird dog) to point to a different block of memory cells where your new message is stored.

Here's a short program to show you what we're talking about. It POKEs different characters into the RAM cells that are "mapped" to the screen:

```
10 SC=7680:PRINT CHR$(147):POKE 36879,7
20 FOR CELLS=0 TO 505:POKE SC+CELLS,79:NE
   XT
30 PRINT"{15 DOWN}{RVS}{4 SPACES}PRESS SP
   ACEBAR{4 SPACES}"
40 GET SPACEBAR$:IF SP$=""THEN 40
50 POKE SC+CH,CH:PRINT CHR$(19);:PRINT"
   {14 DOWN}{RVS} CODE NUMBER";CH"
60 CH=CH+1:GOTO 40
```

Note: For the Commodore 64, change lines 10 and 20 as below:

```
10 SC=1024:PRINT CHR$(147):POKE 53281,7
20 FOR CELLS=0 TO 999:POKE SC+CELLS,79:NE
   XT
```

When you RUN the program, the screen divides itself into little cells. Now watch the top left HOME cell and press the space bar. @ appears in that memory position, with the CODE NUMBER 0 in reverse below.

Press the space bar again and the letter A appears in the second cell. The code number changes to 1 (its POKE value). Keep pressing the space bar until you've filled up the first 256 screen cells with all of the characters and graphics in character ROM.

Don't press the space bar to POKE beyond code 255, though. You did? You overloaded the byte and got an ?ILLEGAL QUANTITY ERROR IN 50, right? Don't say we didn't warn you!

OK. So we've learned how to POKE things into RAM. Now let's take a PEEK to see how BASIC stored our program in memory. Clear the screen because we're going to see a lot of numbers and you don't want them scrolling off the screen.

Now list line 10 (type LIST 10 and RETURN), and directly below—with no line number—type this:

```
FOR I=0TO31:PRINT PEEK(4096+I);:NEXT
```

For the 64, use PEEK(2048+I)

Make sure you've included the semicolon after the second parenthesis, then type RETURN.

This is what you should see for the VIC (the 64 display will be slightly different):

```
READY.
LIST 10

10 SC=7680:PRINT CHR$(
147):POKE 36879,7
READY.
FOR I=0TO31:PRINT PEEK
(4096+I);:NEXT
 0  32  16  10  0  83
 67  178  55  54  56
48  58  153  32  199
40  49  52  55  41  58
  151  32  51  54  56
 55  57 44 55  0
READY.
```

What do all these numbers mean? Each one represents the byte stored in the 32 memory cells storing line 10. VIC program storage starts at 4096 (2048 is the starting address for the 64), so that accounts for the first zero. That zero is a "null byte"—sort of a place marker—and so is the zero at the very end marking the end of line 10 in memory.

The next two numbers are actually one two-byte number because it's a *pointer* pointing to the memory address where the NEXT program line is stored. (Line 20 has a pointer in front of it pointing to where line 30 is stored, and so on, for every line to the end of the program.) The VIC, 64, Apple, and Atari hitch two bytes together to form an address. This means you can have an address as high as 65535 (1111111111111111 in binary), but figuring out addresses gets really complicated because the bytes are hitched together backwards and the *high byte* follows the *low byte*.

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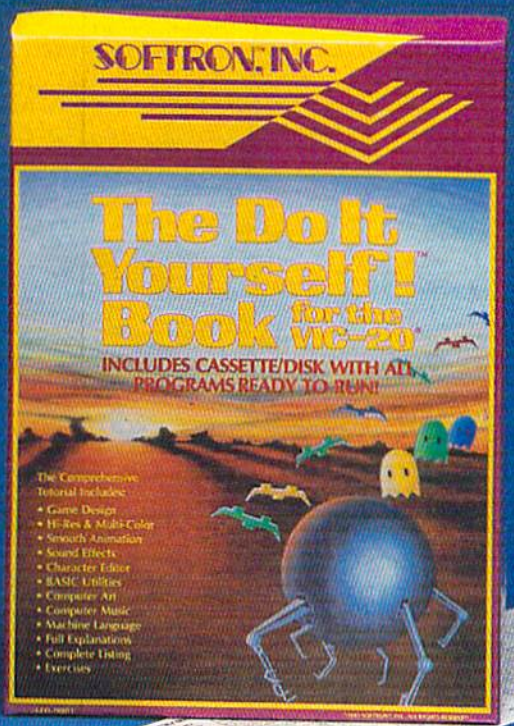

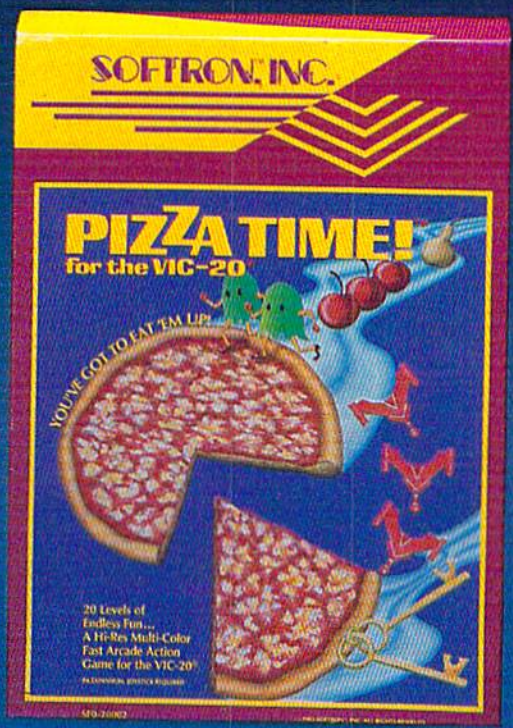
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Fortunately, there's a little ELF in there that does all the figuring when a program is running, but if we want to figure it out, we have to multiply the high byte (16 for the VIC, 8 for the 64) by 256 and add the low byte (32) to it. Quick now, what's the starting address for line 20?

Hang in there—we're coming out of the darkness into the light.

The number 10 looks familiar. What do you suppose it represents? It's the "10" of line 10! The zero following the 10 is the high byte of the line number. Like addresses, line numbers are kept in low byte/high byte form. The 83 and 67 are the ASCII coding for S (83) and C (67) of our SCreen variable SC.

Now we're going to throw you a curve. You might expect that the equal sign would be ASCII coded, too, but it's not. In this particular case, the equal sign is an *operator*, and the token code for = is 178. All BASIC operators are tokenized—squeezed into a byte. PRINT, for instance, which has five letters and would need a location for each letter in ASCII, when tokenized to 189 requires only a single cell. This saves a lot of memory space. You don't save any memory by tokenizing a one-character operator like = but CHR$ and POKE are operators and use only one cell.

If you count the number of characters in the listed version of line 10, then count the numbers, you'll find that tokenizing saves you eight bytes: 39 versus 31. There is another reason for tokenizing besides saving memory. The BASIC interpreter, which converts your BASIC programs into machine language (which can be executed by the computer), can only understand instructions in tokenized form. That is, when the interpreter sees the number 153 it knows you want to print, but it does not understand the letters PRINT.

We're going to leave the rest of the numbers up to you to figure out. One trick is to use the operator tokens as landmarks (see the list below for the tokens used in the program), so that any numbers in between must be ASCII. The ASCII code for the digit 0 is 48, for instance; 1 is 49, and so on, in sequence up to the 9, which is 57.... The left parenthesis "(" is 40 in ASCII, the right parenthesis ")" is 41, and a space is 32. You'll find the rest of the ASCII code on page 145 of the VIC manual and on page 136 of the 64 manual.

So that's how an ELF remembers. Some of this may have seemed complicated and roundabout—all the different codes, numbers that aren't numbers, binary, hex—but it's something that's been worked out over the years, and it works!

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Getting Started With A Disk Drive

Part 3: More Disk Commands

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More on the disk commands, and simplifying them with the DOS wedge.

Last month, we covered many aspects of disk use, from formatting a disk to LOADing, SAVEing, and VERIFYing BASIC programs. I suggest you get that back issue if you haven't seen it yet.

The disk drive, like your computer, has its own microprocessor and memory, which makes it a computer in its own right. This intelligence lets it perform many of the tasks that the computer itself performs on other personal computer systems.

This saves computer memory, since no program is required for essential operations (called the Disk Operating System, DOS). Also, since the disk drive has some independence, it can execute the command you send it, then let the host computer go on to some other task. This is *multitasking*: two microprocessors working together to perform separate tasks simultaneously.

All your VIC or 64 has to do is send an "English-like" command to the drive. As discussed last month, you first have to open up the lines of communication (a channel). This line:

```
OPEN 15,8,15
```

does that trick. The first number can be almost anything. It is just a *code number* that subsequent commands will use to identify this particular channel. The second number, 8, signifies the disk drive. Here is a list of device numbers for Commodore devices:

1 = Cassette
2 = RS-232 (modem)
3 = Screen
4 = Printer
5–7 = Expansion (other printers)
8 = Disk drive
9 = Another optional disk drive

The last number, 15, is the *secondary address*, also known as the command number. In our case, this number tells the disk drive that all input/output through this channel will be communication with the drive's command channel, rather than data to be read or written. We'll cover other uses of the secondary address when we get into reading and writing our own data files.

After we've OPENed our channel, we can send commands in BASIC with PRINT# (say, PRINT-file), or request information from the drive with INPUT# (you got it, INPUT-file). Last month, we tried out the NEW command that formats a disk (prepares it for storage). The form of NEW is:

```
PRINT#15,"N:disk name,ID"
```

Remember that the PRINT#15 will not work

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unless we've first OPENed file 15. If you don't OPEN a file, yet try to access it, you'll get the obvious:

```
?FILE NOT OPEN ERROR
```

Another possible error is:

```
?DEVICE NOT PRESENT ERROR
```

You'll usually get this if you don't have the device (disk drive, printer) turned on, attached, or "ready" (some printers have a "local" mode where you control it from its console rather than from the computer).

Here's another command that you'll use a lot. Everyone has files on his disk that he no longer needs. The files may be temporary files, obsolete, or even incorrect. You may also need to remove files from a disk to free up some room on the disk for a new file. The SCRATCH command allows this. Its format is:

```
PRINT#15,"S:filename"
```

Again, the command itself is inside the quotes. The PRINT#15 is just BASIC's way of sending a command. We'll cover another way to send commands with the DOS wedge a little later.

After you send the SCRATCH command, the drive goes to work and BASIC instantly comes back with READY, even though the disk is still spinning. This can be a little misleading. You cannot remove the disk yet—not while the red "busy light" shines and the disk motor is on. But you are free to use your computer for other tasks, such as LISTing a program on the screen.

If you try to send another disk command before the drive has finished SCRATCHing the file, the computer will "hang" while it waits for the drive to finish, then sends the command and returns READY. This process is known as "pipelining."

You can use the asterisk (*) wildcard with SCRATCH, but do be careful. For example,

```
PRINT#15,"S:ENERG*"
```

erases all files on the disk beginning with "ENERG" such as "ENERGY FILE", "ENERGY BASE", "ENERGIZE", etc. It will not remove a file called "SOLAR ENERGY". As you can tell, the asterisk is powerful but dangerous. If you sent:

```
PRINT#15,"S:*"
```

every single file on your disk would be SCRATCHed, quite a catastrophe if done by mistake. I generally do not use the asterisk with SCRATCH, just to be safe. If you're not sure what a file's name is, you can always LIST the directory with LOAD "$",8.

After you SCRATCH a file, it leaves a "hole" behind. If you had three files on a directory:

```
Ø "DEMO DISK        " QZ 2A
2    "TINSELTOES"       PRG
3    "SPACEFACE"        PRG
1    "SMELDGEOIDS"      PRG
658 BLOCKS FREE.
```

and SCRATCHed the middle one:

```
Ø "DEMO DISK        " QZ 2A
2    "TINSELTOES"       PRG
1    "SMELDGEOIDS"      PRG
661 BLOCKS FREE.
```

then there is an invisible gap left between what is now the first and second files. This can be confirmed by writing another file to the disk. Let's say you write a program:

```
10 INPUT "AMOUNT";A
20 PRINT "4% SALES TAX:";A*1.04
```

then SAVE it as "TAXCOMP". The directory would then look like this:

```
Ø "DEMO DISK        " QZ 2A
2    "TINSELTOES"       PRG
1    "TAXCOMP"          PRG
1    "SMELDGEOIDS"      PRG
66Ø BLOCKS FREE.
```

It's sometimes necessary to change the name of a file. Perhaps you've merely changed your mind, don't like the existing name, or want to use an existing filename for another file. The disk drive lets you RENAME a file.

```
PRINT#15,"R:new name=old name"
```

For example, to change the nondescript "GAME1" into "SPACE THIEF", use:

```
PRINT#15,"R:SPACE THIEF=GAME1"
```

This is one of the few commands that readily makes sense.

Another disk command is COPY. It lets you copy a file onto the same disk with a different filename. It can be used in this manner to make convenient backup copies of a file on the same disk. Another use is to move files. If you want to place another program at the top of the disk, for example, COPY the existing program to the disk with a different name, SCRATCH it (which leaves behind a "hole,") then RENAME it. Now you can SAVE the file you want at the top of the disk since it will fill the hole left by the SCRATCHed file.

COPY has a really strange syntax:

```
PRINT#15,"C0:new file=0:other file"
```

I've found you can shorten it to:

```
PRINT#15,"C:new file=other file"
```

In fact, RENAME was also shortened from "R0:NEWNAME=0:OLDNAME". The shorter

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form, with the drive number (0) deleted, works just fine:

```
PRINT#15,"R:NEWNAME=OLDNAME".
```

COPY cannot copy a file to a different disk or disk drive. It does have another use. You can use COPY to "glue" several files together under a different name. This merge operation is useful for combining two or more data files into one. Again, all the files have to be on the same disk. You can combine up to four files. The syntax here is trickier than ever:

```
PRINT#15,"C0:newfile=0:file1,0:file2,0:file3,0:file4"
```

The filename "newfile" (or whatever you call it) will be a merge of file1, file2, file3, and file4. Fortunately, you can shorten this command, too:

```
PRINT#15,"C:newfile=file1,:file2,:file3,:file4"
```

The drive number, again, was left out, since there is only one drive in the 1541 (as opposed to the earlier dual-drive 2040 and 4040 for CBM computers). If you only want to chain two files together:

```
PRINT#15,"C:newfile=file1,:file2"
```

Notice that the last file in the command need not have ",0" or "," added to the end. Fortunately, few people will ever need to use this variant of the COPY command.

By the way, some of you may be thinking that COPY would be a convenient way of merging two programs, such as a main program and a subroutine. Indeed, Commodore Disk BASIC 4.0 uses COPY for its APPEND command. But since COPY just tacks the files together, it leaves the "end of program" marker between the two files. When you LOAD the combined program and LIST or RUN, the computer sees only the first program, even though the second one is there, using memory. It is possible to remove the end of program marker, but the technique is not brief enough to include here (cheer up, Disk BASIC 4.0 can't do it either).

There are many other disk commands, but most of the rest will be useful only to programmers. We'll cover two of the more arcane ones, though: Validate and Initialize. The form of both commands is simple:

```
PRINT#15,"V"   for validate
PRINT#15,"I"   for initialize
```

What do these do? Initialize causes the disk light to shine, and the disk whirs, spins a bit, then quits. Validate will take quite awhile to finish, then will seemingly have done nothing when you look at the directory. To understand these two commands, we'll have to take a look at the BAM—the Bit Access Map (or Block Availability Map).

There are 683 blocks on one disk. Each block holds 256 bytes, giving you a potential 174,848 bytes of space.

(By the way, a sector size of 256 bytes would seem to indicate double density, since single-density drives use only 128 bytes per sector, so maybe you should buy double-density grade disks. On the other hand, the classification is usually reserved for drives with more than 35 tracks. Try several brands and grades of disks and see which works best for you.)

Somehow, the disk drive has to keep track of which blocks have been used for files, and which are available for future use. Were it not for this housekeeping, a new file could overwrite a previous one. The BAM is stored on the disk as a block of bits, where each bit (on/off, 1 or 0) specifies whether the sector in the corresponding position as the bit is allocated or not (the twelfth bit denotes sector 12). When a file is written, the sectors used are noted in the BAM. In fact, the last line of the directory: xxx BLOCKS FREE, is computed from the BAM.

DOS does not read the BAM every time it needs the information. Usually, DOS reads the BAM once, and stores it in its own memory. It will then update the BAM on the disk when it's done. If you change disks, however, the drive may get confused. It may try to write new files with the old BAM, then write the old BAM to the new disk. Scramble city! The old BAM may say that certain sectors are available, but they might not be on the new disk.

Fortunately, DOS checks the disk's ID before it tries to write a file, or change the BAM. The drive is helpless, however, if you have NEWed (formatted) both disks with the same ID. This is why it is vital that every disk have a unique ID number.

You can prevent this possible catastrophe with Initialize. Initialize forces the drive to read the BAM from the diskette. It also resets some other minor DOS variables. Some people revere Initialize with religious fanaticism, refusing to write to a disk without the ritual of OPEN 1,8,15,"I" (yes, you can send a command via the filename in OPEN).

In practice, it can't hurt. In fact, sometimes the disk head will find itself in an intermediate position between tracks, usually when jostled. The disk can't figure out where it is, since it can't read its signposts which were put on the disk during formatting. You can set the disk straight with an Initialize, which tells it to "go home." (Home is track 18, where the BAM and directory are stored.)

Validate is more useful. It reconstructs the entire BAM by tracing each file on the directory, noting which sectors are used. After it's traced

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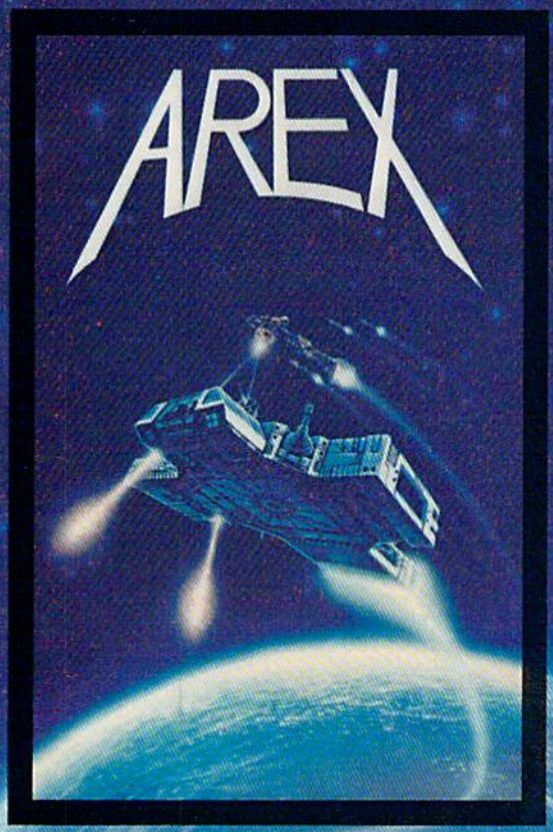

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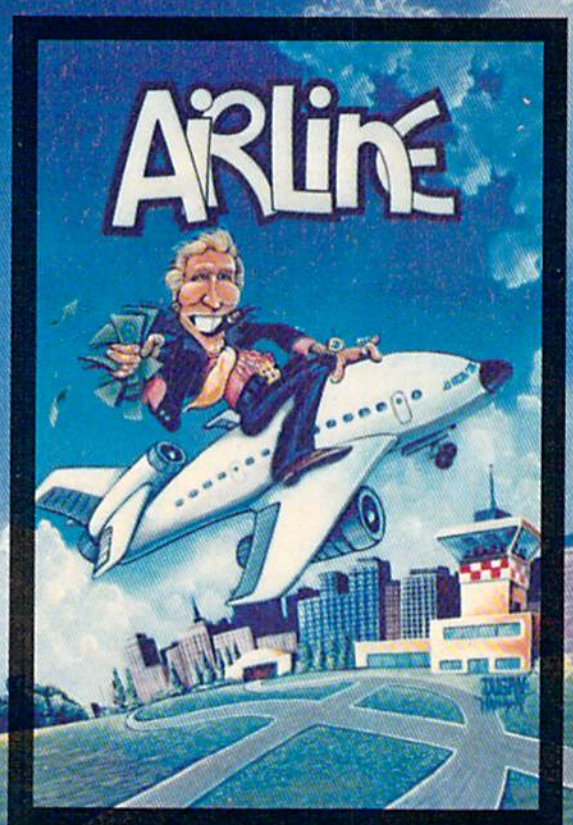

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through all the files, it can then rewrite the newly created BAM to the disk. This can sometimes give you more blocks free on the directory.

Some error or discrepancy in DOS occasionally causes it to misallocate sectors. It may fail to free up blocks, or, rarely, fail to allocate them. These accumulated bit errors can add up to a lot of wasted disk space over time, since the disk won't write to an allocated sector. Validate finds out the truth, so you can sometimes free up disk space unexpectedly.

It's worrisome when this happens, though, since it proves that DOS has made minor errors. If DOS failed to allocate a sector, then that sector could be used by another file, destroying the original file.

Another bug seems to be related to BAM. When you load one program yet get another, the pointers on the disk which identify the starting sector of each file have become switched or garbled. This problem is also accompanied by sectors of the original file which have become overwritten, so there is no way to recover. This problem happens most often with frequently used disks or those which are full. It can also happen when you forget to use the "0:" prefix when SAVEing to disk (SAVE "0:program",8).

Validate can sometimes clear up these confused disks. It can also aggravate it, since the directory from which Validate computes the BAM may be incorrect itself.

You may be tired of always having to OPEN 15,8,15 to send a command. And no one likes having to SAVE your program before you LOAD "$",8 to LIST the directory. Well, Commodore hears you. It has thoughtfully provided a convenient shortcut for using the disk drive from BASIC. Just insert your TEST/DEMO disk and LOAD "C-64 WEDGE",8 or LOAD "VIC-20 WEDGE",8 and RUN. The program will then LOAD the actual wedge program (which is in machine language) and execute it.

The wedge adds a few single-key commands to BASIC. You can use these commands only in the immediate (READY) mode, not in a program. First, let's display the directory. Enter:

```
@$
```

Magically, the directory scrolls by on the screen. You can hold down CTRL to slow it down, or press SPACE to freeze it. Press SPACE again to continue. And when it's finished, you still have your program in memory. Most useful.

You can also send any of the disk commands we've mentioned. Just replace the PRINT#15, with @. For example:

```
PRINT#15,"R:newname=oldname"
```

would be:

```
@R:newname=oldname
```

Remember the small one-line program from last month that will read the error message if the red light is blinking?

```
10 OPEN 15,8,15:INPUT#15,EN,EM$:PRINT
   EN;EM$:CLOSE15:END
```

Quite a lot just to read the error message. The wedge makes this trivial. Just enter the @ and hit RETURN, without sending a command. If there is no error, you'll see:

```
00, OK,00,00
```

Otherwise, you'll see something such as:

```
63, FILE EXISTS,00,00
```

For a complete list and description of DOS error messages, see Appendix B in your disk drive manual.

With the wedge, you should never have to remember to add ",8" to the end of a LOAD or SAVE. Instead, two single-key commands, / (divide-by, on ? key) and the back-arrow (upper-left corner), give you single-key LOAD and SAVE. To LOAD a program, enter:

```
/program
```

If you would like to LOAD and RUN in one step, use the up-arrow:

```
↑program
```

SAVEing is easy with:

```
← 0:program
```

If the file exists on the disk already, you may want to SCRATCH it first, or use @0: in place of 0: (called Save with Replace).

There's another convenience, too: You don't have to enter the filename. Just list the directory with @$, then stop it (RUN/STOP) when you see the name you want. Move the cursor up to the directory and just type the / or ↑ in the first column, and hit RETURN. The wedge will ignore the quotes, spaces, and extraneous "PRG" business, and go to work.

One more wedge command: the % replaces LOAD "name",8,1. This is known as a *nonrelocatable* load. You would use the % key to LOAD machine language programs:

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%UNNEW
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It has an advantage over using BASIC's LOAD command. It will not change the end-of-variables pointer. What this means is that you won't get an ?OUT OF MEMORY ERROR after you use it. You can therefore use it to LOAD machine language without disturbing a BASIC program in memory.

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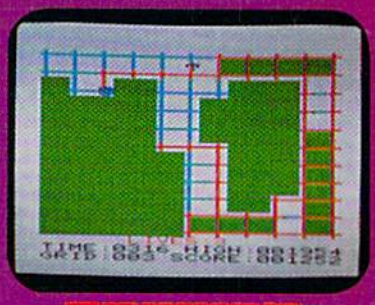

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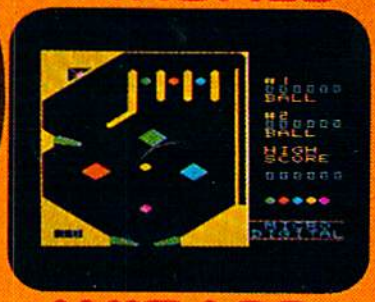

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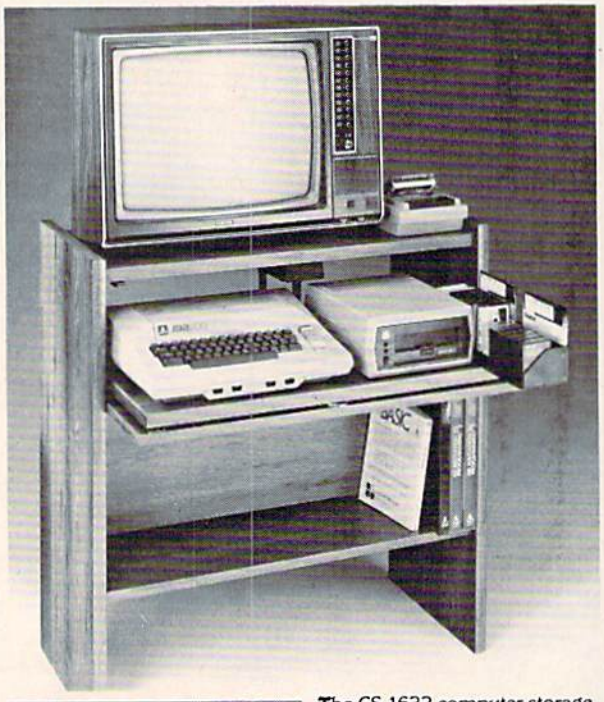

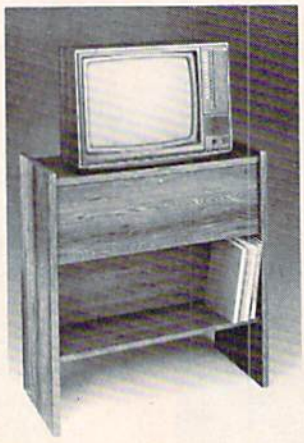

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it can make some programs RUN more slowly. If you want the wedge out of your way, just enter @Q (for Quit).

It's not easy to make a copy of the 64 version of the wedge, since it is in machine language. You should first SAVE the boot program "C-64 WEDGE" found on the demo disk, then type in and RUN the program accompanying this article, "Wedgemaker." It will SAVE the wedge from memory, so be sure you've already LOADed in the wedge from your demo/utility disk.

We've covered just about all the essential information this month. Remember that you can use many of these commands from applications such as word processors, too. Next month, we'll further our exploration by reading and writing our own data files. Until then, try out all the commands with a scratch disk until you get the hang of them.

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10 REM 64 WEDGEMAKER                    :rem 139
20 OPEN1,8,1,"0:DOS 5.1"                :rem 218
30 POKE780,253:POKE253,0:POKE254,192:POKE
   781,90:POKE782,207:SYS65496          :rem 214
40 CLOSE1:END                           :rem 28
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The Programmer Behind *Touch Typing Tutor*

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It's much harder to use a computer if you don't know how to type. Judging from the number of typing tutorials available these days, and the success of many of them, lots of people are learning to type for the first time on their home computer keyboards. Here's a look at the programmer behind one of the best-selling typing programs available for the Commodore 64 and VIC-20.

Marion Taylor, of Taylormade Software, displays several of her programs. (Photo by Humbarto Ramirez, Lincoln Journal-Star.*)*

The programmer is a woman. And she's been gainfully employed as a computer programmer for 28 years.

Those two facts make this month's subject of "Inside View" a bit unusual. "I'm old enough to be the mother of lots of these people who are programming best sellers, and the grandmother of some of the kids that are using the programs," says Marion Taylor of Taylormade Software, the programmer behind *Touch Typing Tutor.*

That's not the only thing that sets Taylor apart from the usual software author, who is typically a male under 30 years old. She's also a one-woman show. She works out of her home in Lincoln, Nebraska, and runs all aspects of her company: product development, marketing, and, of course, programming all of the products herself. That's becoming very unique in these days of rapidly expanding software companies and increasingly divided labor in the software industry.

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Scientific Background

Taylor was graduated with a mathematics degree from Pomona College in California and started her programming career on the first-generation vacuum tube computers. "That was before the days of computer classes," she says. "The company that hired you also trained you.

"Those first computers were not able to perform both scientific and business functions. The next generation was able to, but that was still prior to the days of high-level languages [such as BASIC]. Basically, you could only perform one run a day of a given program."

Due to her husband's job with the military and her own changing career, Taylor moved around the country quite a bit, living and working in a total of six states. She worked for places like Westinghouse, the University of Wisconsin, and the Livermore Radiation Lab.

Shifting Gears

Then came a move to Lincoln, Nebraska, a job at the University of Nebraska, and the introduction of microcomputers. Taylor bought an Apple in 1979 and started writing programs on it in her leisure time.

But what started as a leisure-time hobby turned into a full-time obsession. "I found I couldn't work eight or nine hours a day, raise a family, and do all the programming I wanted to do on micros," Taylor says. "I decided to devote my work time to micros. That's where all the fun and creativity is."

Taylor didn't start out by programming games, as many programmers do. "I wanted to write programs that had lasting value. That led me to educational programming."

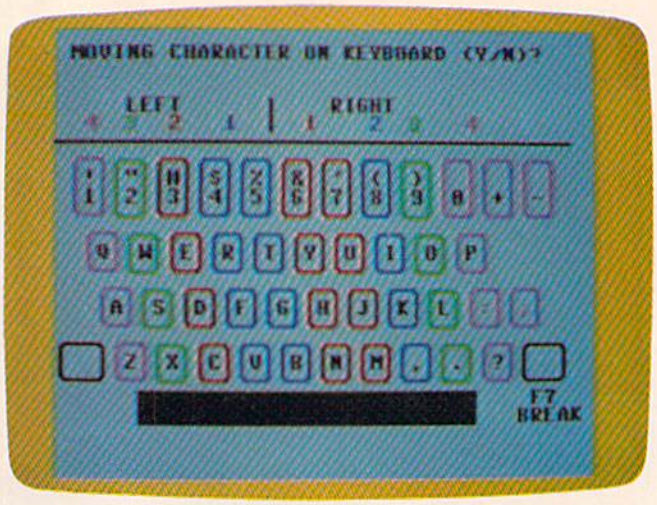
When the VIC-20 was introduced in 1981, Taylor switched her focus from Apple to Commodore because she liked its features, and because its low price made it very accessible to people. Then came the Commodore 64 and even more programming capability.

More Than Fun

So what makes a good educational program?

"First," says Taylor, "it has to be educationally sound. It has to have lasting value—it can't be so simple that it can be done in 15 minutes. The writer of the program has to be familiar enough with school methods so the children aren't confused." This, she says, can be something as simple as using an asterisk in place of the multiplication sign in a mathematical program. If children are not familiar with BASIC programming, they don't know what that means.

An educational program must also go beyond what a child can read in a book. "Micros have the potential to teach concepts in a more concrete way than books," she says.



Marion Taylor's Touch Typing Tutor.

Realizing that her sons had learned fractions in grade school but still didn't really understand them was an eyeopener for Taylor, and it led her to write another of her many programs, *Fun Fractions*. "I try to achieve a good balance between drill and instruction in what I write. That way, children can better understand what they're learning."

The graphics and sound capabilities of micros greatly enhance the educational process, says Taylor. She cites turtle graphics as an example of good educational software. "Children enjoy moving the turtle around the screen to build things, but they're really learning about loops, arrays, and other higher-level programming tools.

"But the fun aspect of a program is only one element of educational programs. Some of the programs on the market today deal only with that aspect and slight the educational side."

What's Next?

The volatile nature of the microcomputer industry today makes it difficult to do long-range planning, Taylor believes. "I'm always planning new programs, because that's what I like to do. But it's difficult to predict very far into the future as far as what specific programs I'll be doing."

And though she admits that right now she's a bit of a shock to people, being an old hand at programming and a woman, Taylor expects to see more of that in the future. "People have always said that boys are better at math and science than girls. They learn better hand-eye coordination from an early age because of the types of things that they are encouraged to do. Having computer training in the schools from an early age will change that." @

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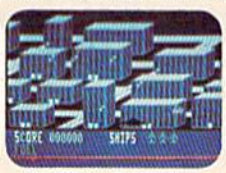

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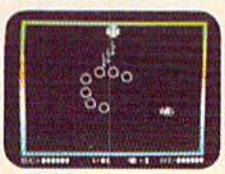

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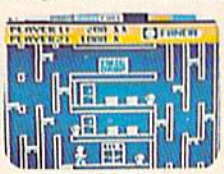

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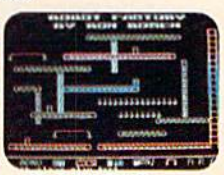

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When you play "Cave-In," you become the newly appointed foreman of a mining operation. After completing your initial inspection, you believe that a cave-in is imminent. You realize that you must explore every tunnel to find and rescue all of the miners.

Taking into consideration your unfamiliarity with the mine, you decide to make a map of the shafts as you travel.

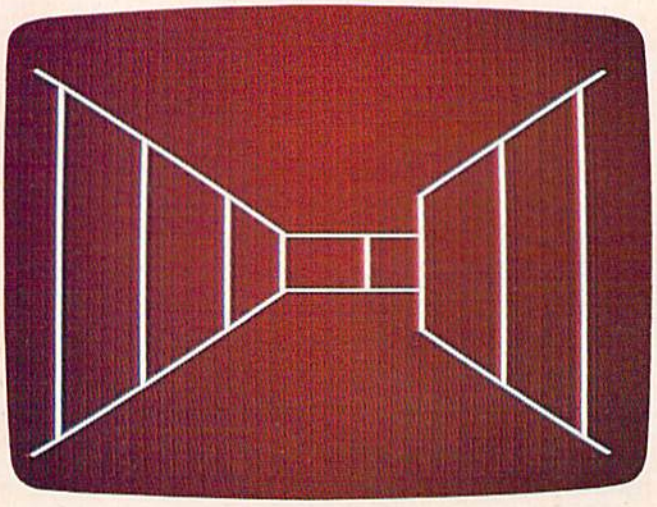
To refer to your map, push the fire button on the joystick. Push it again and you return to the mine. The dark circle on the map is where you started and must return to escape the mine safely.

Just as you expected, no sooner do you find the last miner and warn him of the danger than the cave-in begins. Now you have to get out before the falling rock traps you. Aren't you glad you made the map? (In the advanced game, however, you lose the map after the cave-in starts, so you must rely on your memory to recall the maze-like passages.)

Other Game Controls

You may view instructions at any time by pressing the f1 special function key. However, once you see the instructions, you face a fresh maze upon returning to the game. To travel through the tunnels, change directions by moving the joystick right or left, and then move forward by pushing the stick forward.

Observe some precautions when typing this program. First, it requires using the Commodore key at the lower left of the keyboard. Some of the graphics symbols must be typed while this key is held down (like the SHIFT key) to correctly print the characters needed to build the maze. Second, each line must be entered exactly as printed, without extra spaces to fit into memory. This program uses all but about 15 of the 3583 available memory locations. The program will *not* run correctly with any memory expansion boards. Third, you will probably need to abbreviate some keywords to enter a few of the lines in the program, such as line 52. See your manual for legal keyword abbreviations.



Peering down an underground corridor in "Cave-In."

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Hardhat Climber

Chris Lesher

"Hardhat Climber" is one of the best games we've seen for the unexpanded VIC-20 and is an excellent example of what can be accomplished with BASIC. We've included an adaptation for the Commodore 64.

You are standing at the bottom of four levels of girders, connected by ladders. At the top is a pile of 12 barrels and scattered along the girders are toolboxes. The object of "Hardhat Climber" is to walk around the girders and pick up every toolbox while avoiding the barrels that roll down at you. If you pick up all of the toolboxes you are rewarded bonus points, and you move on to a more difficult screen.

I wrote the VIC-20 version of Hardhat Climber almost entirely in BASIC, with only a short machine language routine to check the joystick. Using the stick, you can move the climber up, down, left, and right along the girders and ladders. Pressing the fire button makes your climber jump in the direction he was last moving. He can jump over barrels and holes in the girders.

Scoring

You score 150 points for every toolbox you pick up, 1000 points for jumping over a barrel, and 100 points for each barrel remaining after you have picked up all the toolboxes. The score is displayed in the upper-left corner of the screen. The number of the screen is displayed in the upper-right corner. The number of climbers you have left is displayed between the score and screen number.

You begin the game with three climbers and earn an extra one every 10,000 points. A climber is lost if he is hit by a barrel, walks off a girder, or has not picked up all the toolboxes by the time all 12 barrels have rolled off the pile. The game ends when you lose your last climber.

Many program lines in the VIC version are longer than the maximum limit of 88 characters. They must be entered by abbreviating the keywords and omitting the space between the line number and first keyword. The abbreviations may be found in the manual that came with the computer. If there is an error in any of these lines, the entire line must be retyped using the abbreviations again. Also be sure to save the program

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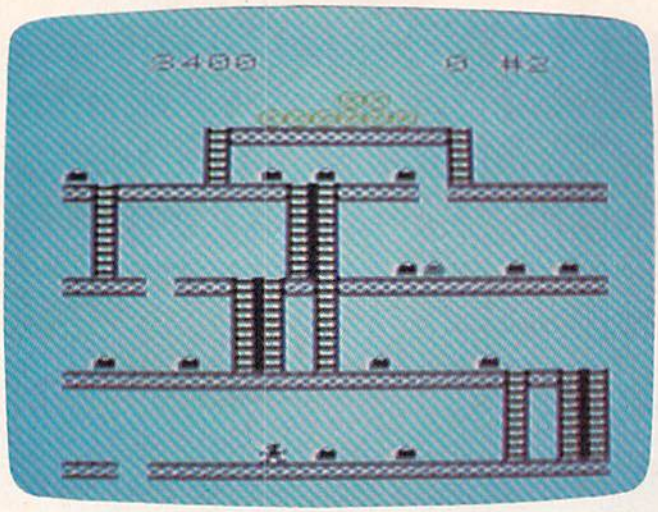

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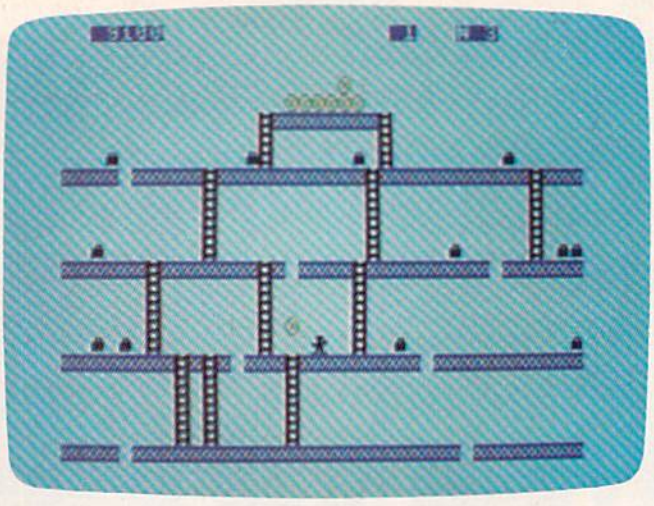

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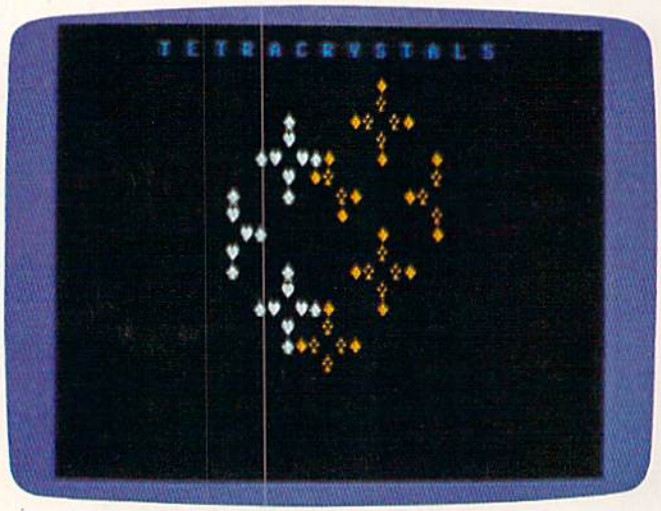

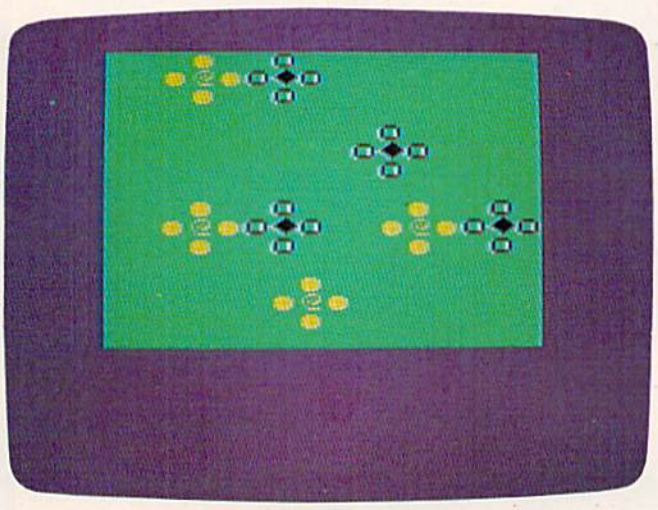

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Second, a tetrad always tries to sprout four new seed-crystals at right angles to the tetrad. These seed-crystals draw energy from the tetrad (which is why it becomes a shell), and then go through the four stages of growth. When the seeds grow into tetrads, they sprout new seeds, and so on.

Limits To Growth

The new seeds will grow only if they have space, sunlight, and water. That means there are three limits to growth. First, a seed needs space to grow, so it cannot be put into a space that is already occupied. If a tetrad is right next to another crystal (in any stage), it will not plant a seed in that space. The other three seeds can still grow, unless they are affected by the limits on growth.

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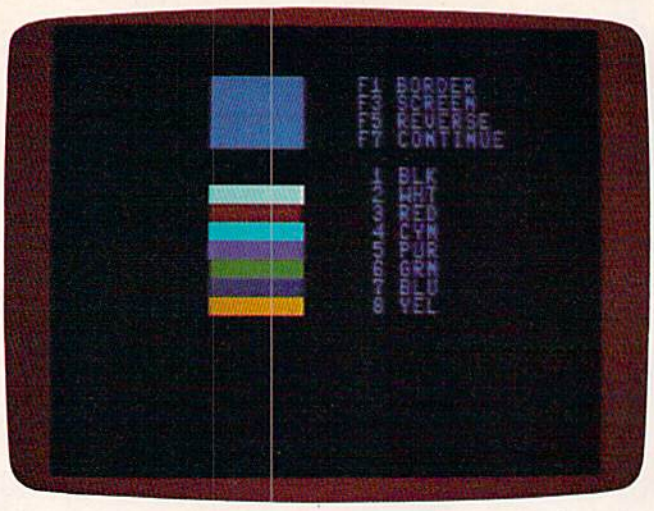
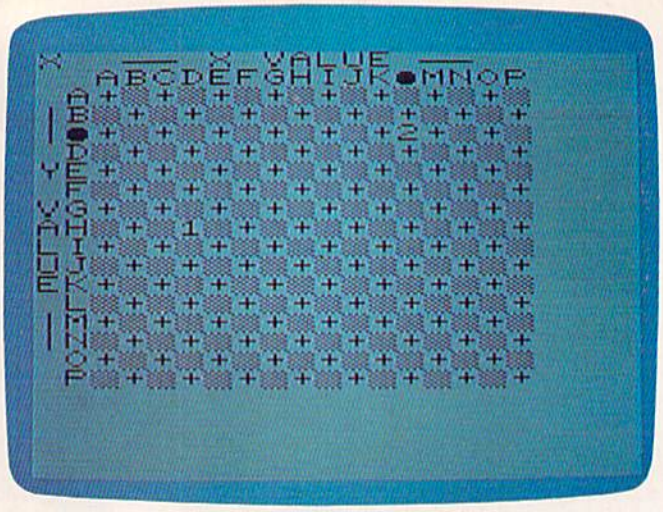


The opening screen in "Tetracrystals" lets you choose your own screen/border color combination (Commodore 64 version; VIC similar).

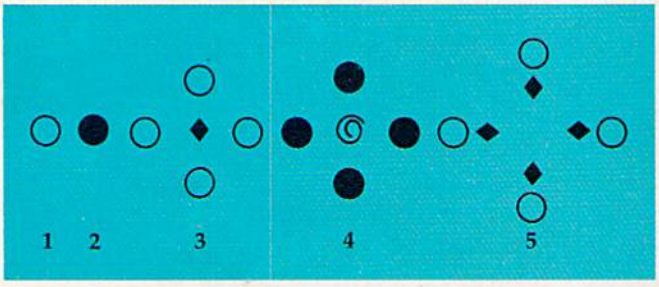


After selecting the speed and character set, you plant different kinds of crystals on a grid (VIC version; 64 similar).

sunlight from new seeds. A seed will not grow in a space right next to a tetrad or shell. This rule takes care of the problem of two tetrads trying to put seeds into the same space.

Third, a seed will grow only in water. A tetrad on the edge of the 16×16 grid cannot put seeds outside of the border (because there is no water there).

How A Crystal Grows



The seed-crystal in stage 1 becomes a monad in stage 2 and a tetrad in stage 3. In stage 3 it sprouts four new seeds, which then go through the stages. Note that in stage 5, the shell has disappeared and only four new seeds were generated by the four tetrads. That is because of the limits on growth. They are not allowed to put seeds in a space that is next to another tetrad or shell. All four of the tetrads tried to put a new seed in the center and all failed.

Tetracrystals is simple enough to play with paper and pencil, but you would have to erase and draw over and over again. Using the computer is quicker and easier.

How To Play

When the game first starts, you see eight color bars. You can change the screen color with the function keys:

f1 changes the color of the border.

f3 changes the color of the screen.

f5 switches "reverse" (inverse video) on and off.

f7 starts the game, after you have chosen the colors.

Before you press f7, notice which colors show up on the screen you pick. If you plant crystals that are the same color as the screen, they will grow, but they will be invisible.

Next you pick the speed. Zero, the lowest number, yields the fastest game. Then choose a character set (1, 2, 3, or 4); I prefer number 1.

Finally, you plant the crystals. In the upper-left corner of the screen you will see a prompt (X, Y, P, or C). Choose an X-coordinate (A through P), a Y-coordinate (A through P), plant the crystal (1 for a seed, 2 for a monad), and choose the color (type a number between 1 and 8; the color is the same as the color printed on the key).

Up until the point when you choose the color, you can cancel your choices by pressing f1. When you are ready to start the game, press f7.

Options During The Game

Seven of the function keys allow you to control growth during the game. The f1, f3, f5, and f7 keys (unSHIFTed) control the amount of sunlight that reaches the crystals. Press f7 twice to reduce the light (all growth will stop). After you freeze the picture (with f7), you can watch the growth step by step by pressing f7. If you want to go back to continuous growth, f1 restores the game to normal. The f3 key slows the growth and f5 speeds it up. If the growth is very fast, press f3 and a number from 1 to 9. The higher the number, the slower the growth. Press f5 (plus a number) to speed up the growth.

The f2 and f4 keys throw more seeds onto the field. The f2 key gives you a random-colored seed

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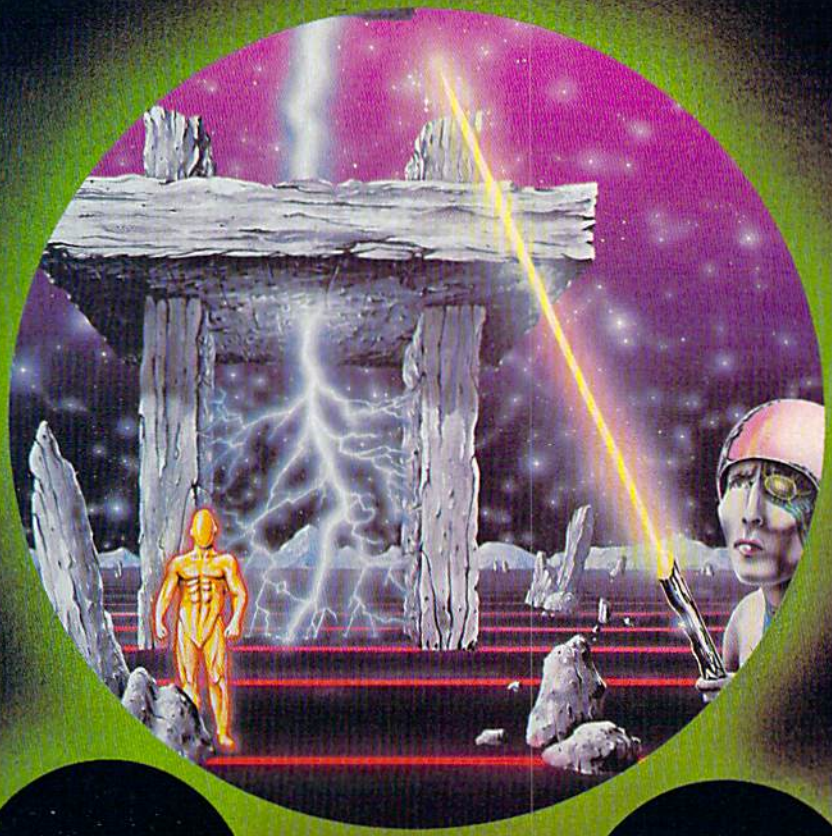

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at a random location. Press f4 (and a number from 1 to 8) and you will get a seed the same color as what is printed on the number key, planted randomly on the screen.

The f6 key stops the game and returns you to the beginning. "Tetracrystals of Veluria" uses part of memory for machine language routines, so if you want to stop playing altogether, it is a good idea to turn your computer off and then on again before you load another program.

To recap:

f1 continues the game (after f7 step by step).

f3 slows the growth (type 1–9 to continue).

f5 speeds up growth (type 1–9 to continue).

f7 allows step-by-step growth.

f2 plants a random-colored seed at a random location.

f4 plants a seed at a random location (choose the color with 1–8).

f6 starts a new game.

Strategies

Tetracrystals is a simple game. You can plant two types of crystals, up to eight different colors. There are two rules for growth and three limits on growth. Most children will understand how it works.

But like Reversi (also known as Othello), simple rules hide the many subtleties of play. The more you play it, the more interesting variations you discover.

There are no rules for winning or losing. I originally wrote Tetracrystals as a nonviolent, noncompetitive game.

If you don't like games without competition or winners and losers, you can make up variations. You and a friend can choose two different colors and plant crystals around the screen. If one color takes over the screen, that player wins. In some cases—if you start with symmetrical positions, for example—neither color will take over the screen and you would have to call it a tie game.

If you plant just one seed, it will spread to take over about half the screen, and then (because of the limits on growth) it will disappear. It is a good idea to start with at least two crystals.

In the reverse video option, the crystals leave behind traces of where they have been.

For some reason, crystals that start near the edges have a slightly better chance of surviving (remember this if you decide to play competitively). And usually, if you plant seeds *and* monads, one or the other will take over the screen; they don't coexist very well. Imagine the 16 × 16 grid as a chessboard, with alternating black and white squares, because it will make a difference if your starting positions are all on the same color squares or on opposite colors.

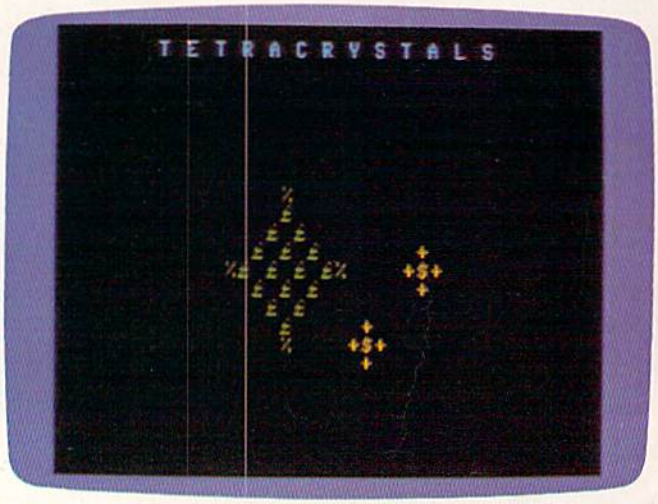
You can also try the sandwich maneuver. If you plant a seed somewhere on the grid and then plant seeds of different colors, one right above and one right below, I think you'll be surprised at the results. The crystal in the middle will usually crowd out the other two crystals.

Special Typing Instructions

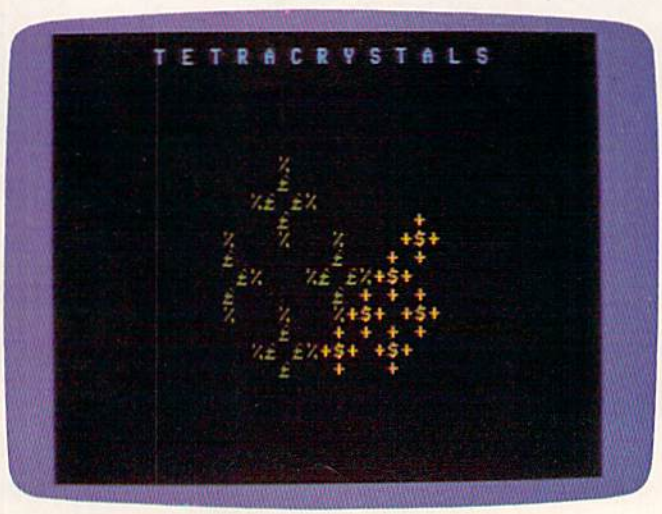
The VIC version of Tetracrystals needs two programs to run, and you must enter them in the correct order. Program 2 (the one with all the DATA statements) contains the machine language routines. Program 1 will not run without them.

Follow this procedure for the VIC version (note the minor program changes for disk below):

1. Type in Program 1 first, *but do not RUN.* Instead, SAVE it on tape or disk. If you're using tape, I recommend saving Program 1 as the first program on a fresh cassette. For tape, use the filename "CRYSTALS T1/JAN". For disk, use the



Crystals of various colors begin growing and interacting, as seen in these Commodore 64 screens...



...sometimes overlapping and crowding out other crystals.

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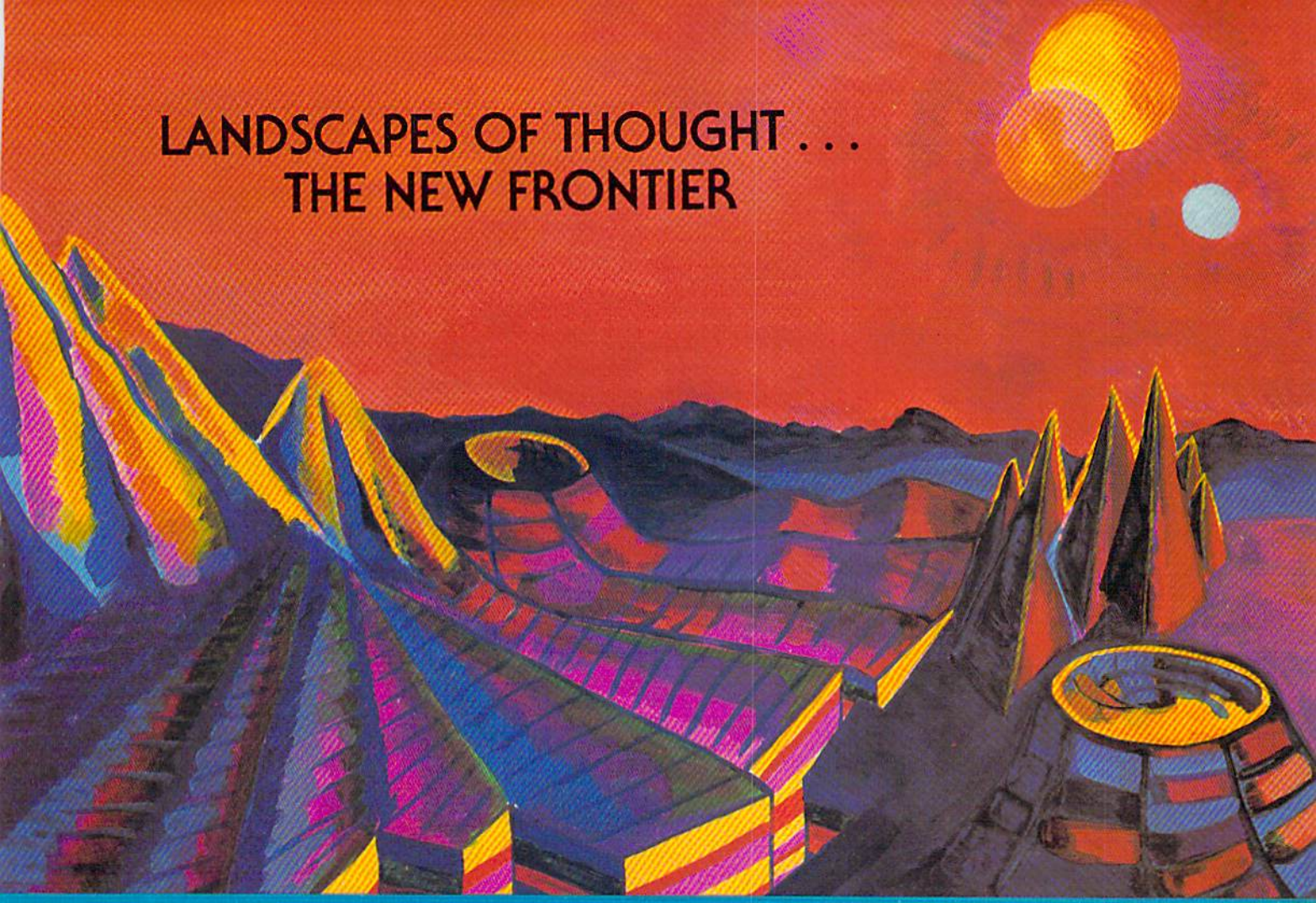

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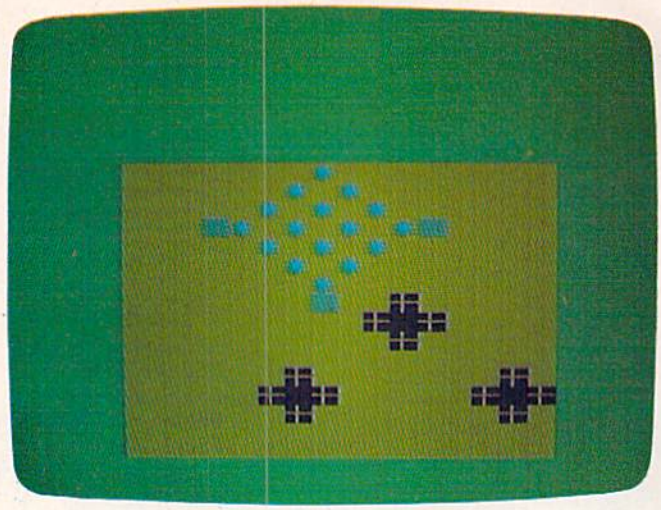
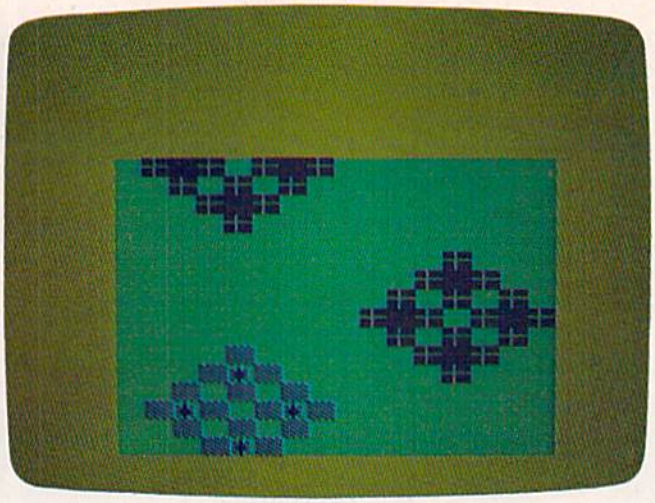


Crystals divide and multiply in these VIC screens...



...forming larger crystals, and occasionally dominating all the space around them.

filename "CRYSTALS D1/JAN". Do not rewind the tape after saving.

2. Type NEW and press RETURN.

3. Type in Program 2. *Do not SAVE it yet.* Contrary to standard procedures, Program 2 should be RUN before it is SAVEd. When you type RUN, Program 2 first checks itself for typing errors and warns you of any mistyped DATA statements. If the DATA statements are entered correctly, the program waits for you to press a key to continue. Before continuing, make sure the tape or disk with Program 1 is in the cassette recorder or disk drive. With cassette, make sure the tape is positioned just past Program 1 (which is where it will be if you left it alone after SAVEing Program 1). Now, when you press a key to continue, Program 2 will begin creating a data file on your tape or disk. Program 2 automatically names the data file "CRYSTALS T3/JAN" for tape or "CRYSTALS D3/JAN" for disk. If you're using cassette, you will notice the tape stopping and starting by itself as the data file is created. This is normal. Do not press the STOP button on the recorder until the data file is finished and the screen says READY.

4. When the screen says READY, the data file is created. Now is the time to SAVE Program 2. Use the filename "CRYSTALS T2/JAN" for tape or "CRYSTALS D2/JAN" for disk. You won't need Program 2 again unless you want to create another data file, perhaps for backup.

5. Finally the game is prepared. To play, LOAD and RUN Program 1 (filename "CRYSTALS T1/JAN" or "CRYSTALS D1/JAN"). When you type RUN and press RETURN, Program 1 automatically begins reading the data file created by Program 2. (That's why it's so important to make sure the data file immediately follows Program 1 if you're using tape.) As the data file loads, you'll see numbers appearing on the screen. This is normal. When all the data is read by Program 1, the game begins.

If you press the RUN/STOP key while playing and want to restart the game, don't type RUN, because the program will look for the data file again. Instead, type RUN 13 (which starts running the program at line 13).

One more caution: Tetracrystals takes up almost all of the available memory in the VIC; there will be only a few bytes left. *It is vital to type in the programs exactly as listed.* Don't add any extra spaces. If your VIC gives you an ?OUT OF MEMORY error after the data file is read by Program 1, you can safely delete line 10 and lines 5000–5100 to play the game. Once these lines put the machine language into memory, you don't need them anymore (but don't SAVE the program after doing this).

Modifications For Disk

The 64 version works on either tape or disk. But the VIC programs, as listed, are designed for tape. A few minor changes need to be made for disk.

In Program 1, change line 5000 to:

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5000 OPEN1,8,0,"CRYSTALS D3/JAN"
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(This change tells the computer to read the data file from disk instead of tape.)

In Program 2, change these lines:

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35 PRINT"GET DATA DISK READY[3 SPACES]HIT
   A KEY TO CONTINUE
40 OPEN1,8,1,"0:CRYSTALS D3/JAN"
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(Line 35 alters the prompt to read "DATA DISK" instead of "DATA TAPE". Notice there is no closing quote on the PRINT statement; closing quotes are optional in Commodore BASIC, and leaving it off saves one byte of memory. Line 40 tells the computer to create a data file on disk

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instead of tape, with the appropriate filename expected by line 5000 in Program 1.)

Page-Flipping

The animation here is not the usual erase-and-draw method.

In most games, when you want a character to move, you tell the computer where the character currently is and where it should be next. The computer erases the old character and then draws it at the new location. If the screen is full, you can see the changes being made, from the top-left corner to the bottom right.

Page-flipping is a much smoother method of animation.

I got the idea from "Alternate Screens" by Jim Butterfield in *COMPUTE!'s First Book Of VIC*.

Normally an unexpanded VIC uses two pages of memory (7680 to 8191) for screen memory. Memory location 648 is a pointer that tells the VIC where to find the screen. By POKEing 648 with a different number, you can change the location of screen memory.

In Tetracrystals, one screen is visible, the other hidden. While you are watching one screen, the computer is drawing the next picture on the hidden screen. When the new picture is ready, a couple of POKEs (lines 1100 and 1120) make the new picture visible. Then, while that screen is up, the next one is being drawn on the hidden screen.

How The Program Works—VIC Version

Line 10 protects the memory for the second screen and the machine language instructions. It jumps to subroutine 5000, which reads the ML instructions from tape.

Lines 13–20 set variables.

Line 60 jumps to subroutine 1100, which restores the screen to the normal location (beginning at 7680).

Line 100 jumps to subroutine 8200 (which sets the screen to the usual colors and restores it to a 22 × 23 size), then subroutine 6000 (which sets up the new screen color).

Lines 160–197 set up the speed and character set.

Lines 255–395 plant the crystals on the screen.

Lines 510–795 are the heart of the program—where the crystals grow. First there are three SYSes to ML routines. Since the visible screen has been cut down to 16 × 16 (256 bytes) and there are 512 available for each screen, that means there are 256 bytes below each screen. This is what I call the "shadow screen." The first SYS clears the shadow screen of the hidden screen. The second SYS controls the direct growth (seed to monad, monad to tetrad, and so on). The third SYS grows the brand-new seeds. Then BASIC takes over. The program goes through a delay loop (with the counter HF, for "How Fast") and checks for keyboard input. If one of the function keys has been pressed, it takes care of what needs to be done. Then, if the CP flag has been set, it stops until it gets the "step-by-step" instruction. Subroutine 1000 changes the random (but melodic) music. The last two SYSes translate from the shadow screen to the not-now-visible screen and to color memory. Finally, subroutine 1100 flips the screen memory to the other screen.

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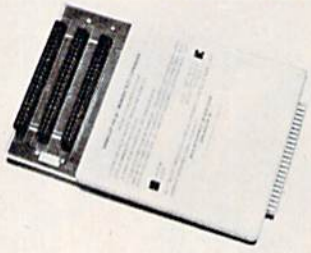

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Canyon Cruiser

Thomas Catsburg

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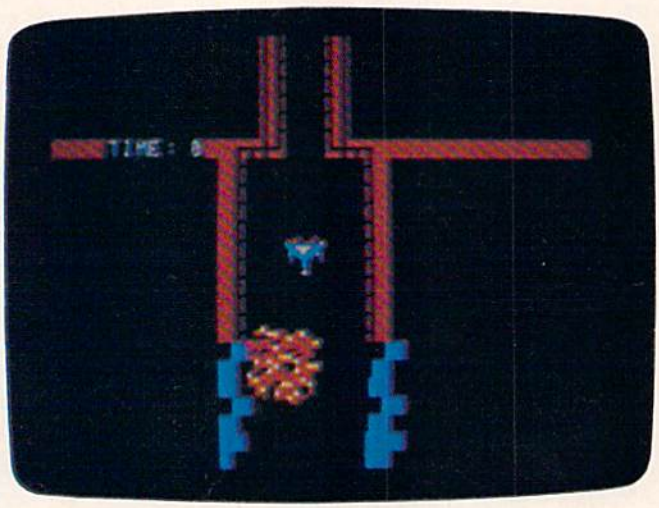

A multicolored asteroid approaches the player's spaceship in "Canyon Cruiser" (64 version).

Commodore 64 owners are usually hungry for games. For a long time there was not much software to choose from, although the situation has improved considerably in recent months.

There are, of course, hundreds of games written for the older Commodore PET computers available. Using one of the PET emulators on the market, many of these games will run with little or no modification on the Commodore 64.

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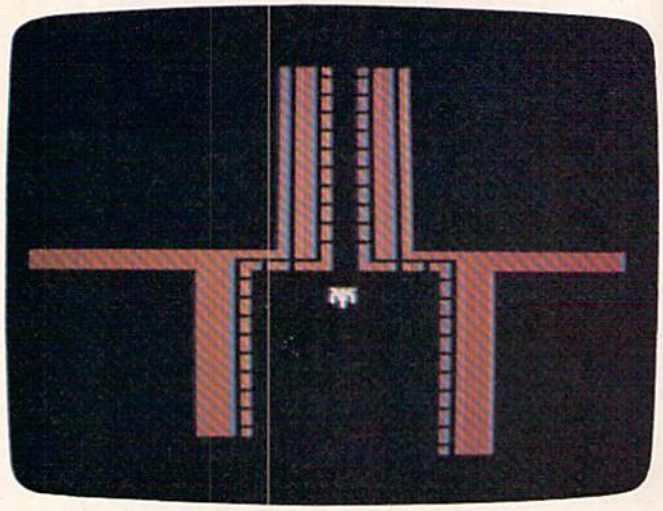

Leaving the base at the beginning of a game of "Canyon Cruiser" (VIC version).

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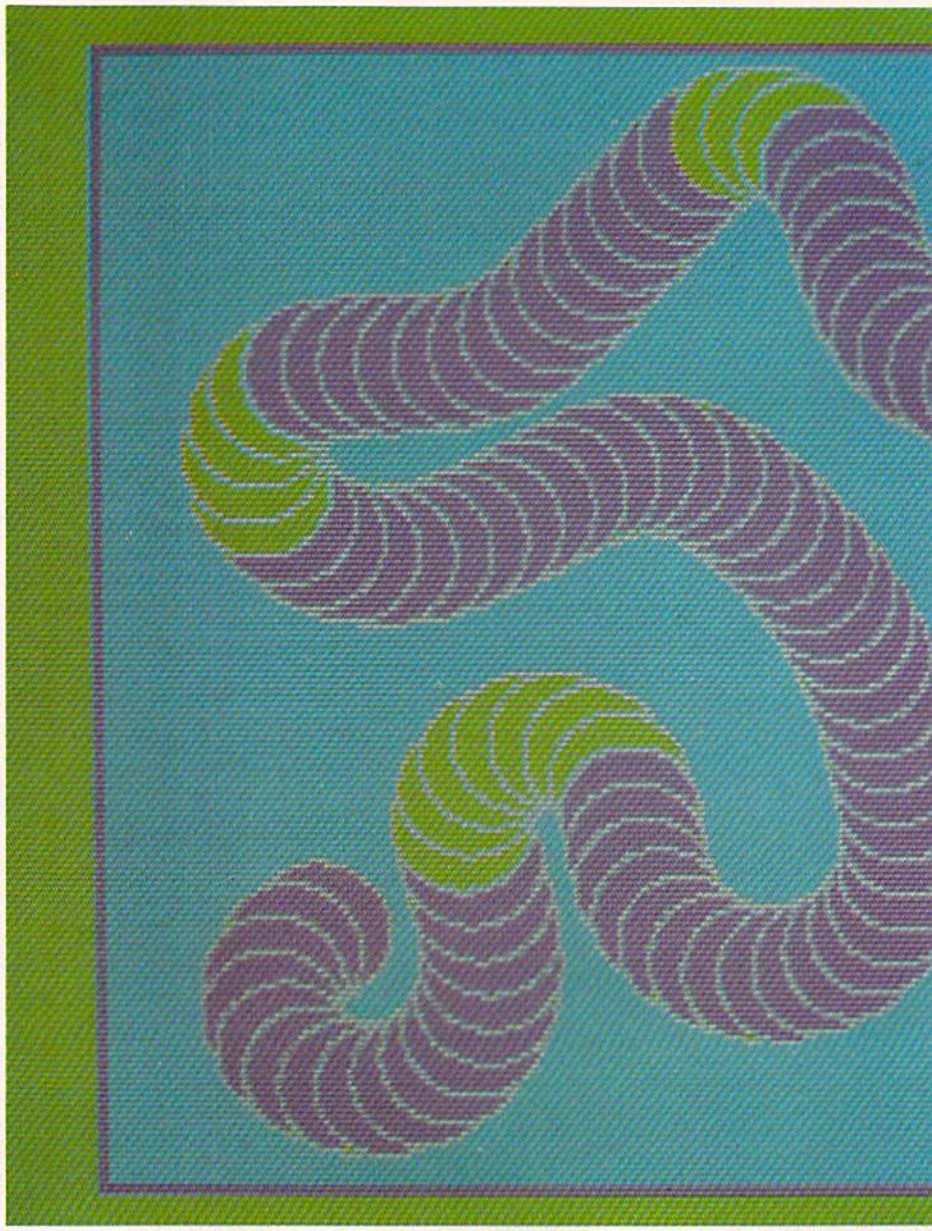
This month COMPUTE!'s GAZETTE is consolidating two previous columns—the monthly "Computing For Kids" and the bi-monthly "Computing For Grown-Ups"—into one new monthly column, "Computing For Families." Each month, Computing For Families will cover topics of interest to all members of home-computing families, both young and old. And as before, the column will be written by Fred D'Ignazio, himself the head of a home-computing household.



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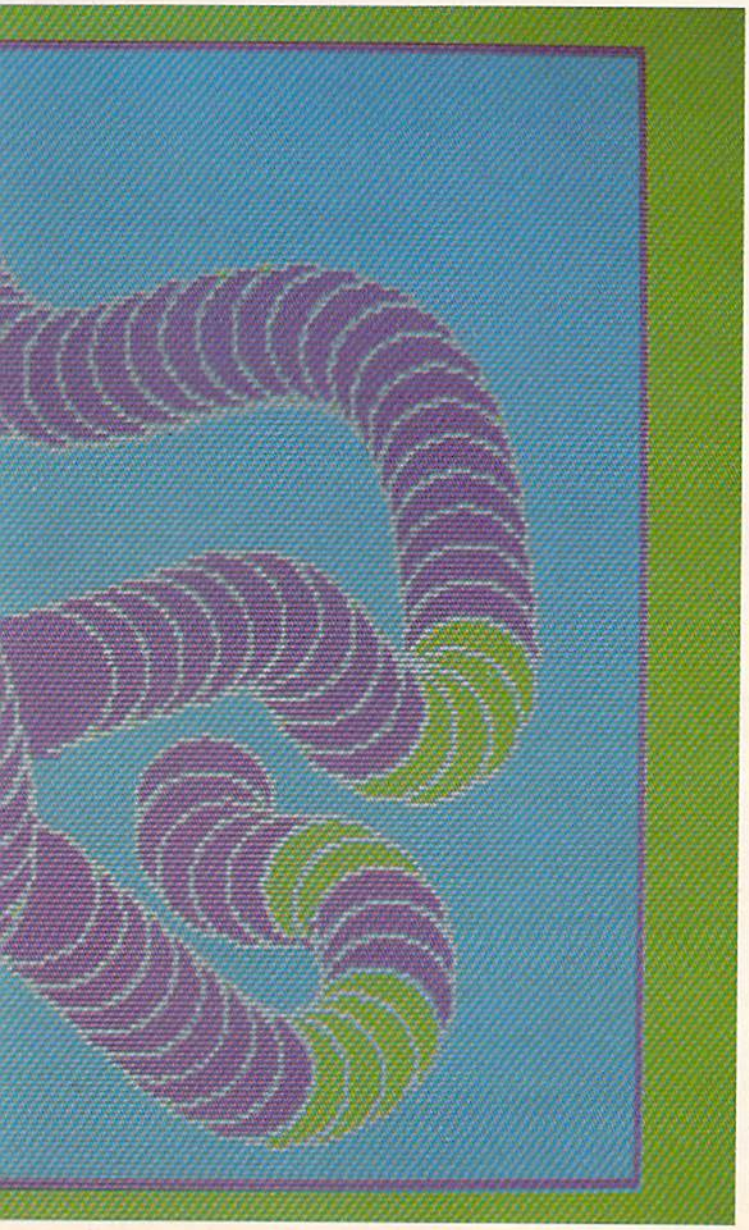
Ambushing The Mailman

When I was a kid I used to belong to all sorts of mail-order book clubs. When I knew a book was coming I would rush home from school or spend an entire Saturday prowling around my front yard waiting for the mailman to pull up our driveway. It was a great feeling when he brought a big box addressed to me. I knew that a new book was inside the box. It didn't matter that I could never remember what book I had ordered. That was part of the fun.

Now I have two children (Catie, 8, and Eric, 4) who have followed in my footsteps. Catie and Eric get as excited as I did about receiving packages in the mail, and they are as good as I was at ambushing the mailman. On Saturday mornings, they lie in wait behind two big pine trees just outside the porch door. When the mailman arrives they spring out and grab all his packages and run into the house. They reach the living room, and they start ripping the packages apart.



But do you think they are looking for books?

Nope. They are looking for new computer learning games arriving in the mail. And they act like wild things until they unwrap the games, load them into the computer, and begin playing them.

Champions And Cheerleaders

Here, below, is a group of seven games that captivated me and my family. They are remarkably diverse and quite varied in the thinking and skill they demand from the human player. But they are similar in four key traits. First, they are just as much fun for adults as they are for kids. Second, they can be played at many different levels, so, with help from an adult, even a toddler can benefit from them. Third, the games are constructive and nonviolent. They let families build things rather than train them in creative destruction. Fourth, the games are much more fun when people play them together.

All these games encourage interaction among family members, schoolmates, and friends. At our house we almost always play the games together. The approach we use is to have one person step forward as the stalwart champion and have the other family members be coaches, cheerleaders, and the peanut gallery. At the end of each game we rotate all the roles.

Playground Or Swamp?

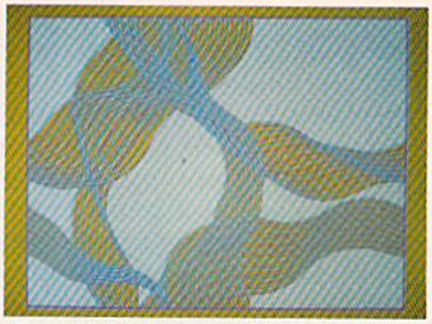
It was interesting to see Eric and Catie approach these new games. They never want to read any directions before starting. They equate direction-reading with "adult," "slow," "dense," and "boring." On their own, they never read directions—*unless they appear on the screen*. They just boot up a disk or plug in a cartridge. Then they start madly pressing buttons or swiveling a joystick or game paddle. Pretty quickly something begins happening. Then it's "play it by ear" all the way.

This sort of approach makes me very nervous. Nevertheless, I usually climb aboard for the ride, just to see where we'll all end up.

Most of the time, the kids wander through a program—*at a gallop*—and usually figure out what's going on. Then they begin playing with a passion.

But sometimes their approach is akin to turning down a blind alley and running, full-speed, into a brick wall. Then, with their noses out of joint, the kids turn around to me and announce, "Daddy, this is a dumb game!"

And, that's that. When the computer doesn't respond, when my kids feel powerless and out of control, they abandon the game. It's like watching their playground turn into a yucky swamp. While it's still a playground they love to race around



and use the equipment. But when suddenly the ground turns into sticky glue, the kids feel paralyzed.

I used to think they had reached a real dead end. Now I look at it as an opportunity to start doling out some game rules and special "power" buttons that get the game moving again and put the kids back in control.

Pipes

Pipes is available on cartridge for the VIC-20 ($29.95) or the Commodore 64 ($34.95). It won the 1983 CES (Consumer Electronics Show) Software Showcase Award for Home Education. It is made by:

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Pipes is a game that never turns into a swamp. When the program begins there is a plumber, a house, and a water supply tank on the display screen. On the far right is a pipe factory with bins full of pipes of all shapes.

My kids were puzzled by *Pipes* at first. But that didn't stop them from leaning on the joystick and racing the little plumber around the screen. They learned how to use the "radar" display—a little window in the corner of the screen that lets you see the plumber, the house, the water tank, and the pipe factory, all at the same time. And, by randomly pressing the joystick buttons, they discovered they could buy pipes from the factory and hook them up to the house and the water tank.

The first couple of times we played the game the kids created some pretty weird plumbing. Pipes squirreled out of the house, then corkscrewed, pirouetted, and pretzeled themselves into oblivion. We found out how to turn on the water supply (by pressing the V key on the computer) and squirted water all over the ground with ecological abandon.

Eventually we ended up with some pretty decent plumbing. The pipes went in efficient right angles out of the water tank and into the house. When we turned on the water, it flowed in a direct route from the tank to the house.

After hooking up the plumbing to one house had become a snap, we graduated to a whole neighborhood with up to five houses. We even figured out how to do the plumbing with the cheapest pipe and save the most money.

Now the kids mostly play *Pipes* alone. The other day I went into the dining room and found Eric busy building a circular pipe network out of the water tank. I frowned and screwed up my face. "Why would you want to do that?" I asked him.

"Because," he said, not looking up, "this way the water never goes away."

Delta Drawing

My daughter Catie and I reviewed the Apple version of *Delta Drawing* in the June 1983 issue of COMPUTE! Magazine. Now Spinnaker Software has released *Delta Drawing* on cartridge for the Commodore 64 ($39.95). You can reach Spinnaker at:

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The Commodore 64 version of *Delta Drawing* is significantly more powerful than the earlier Apple version. And the Apple version was a knockout.

Catie and I found *Delta Drawing* to be a lot like Logo—only upside down! To make the Logo turtle do something you have to define a procedure (or program) and type in lots of one- or two-letter commands. Then, when you're all done, you have to type the procedure name to make the turtle do its tricks.

This kind of programming is called delayed gratification. It requires a lot of patience—especially when you are only four years old.

Delta Drawing is just the opposite. The payoff comes at the beginning *and* at the end. Here's a typical session with Eric:

Eric plugs the *Delta Drawing* cartridge into the Commodore 64, and, a moment later, a triangle and a blinking dot appear in the center of an empty screen. The triangle is "DeeDee" the turtle. The dot is DeeDee's tail. DeeDee uses her tail to draw.

Eric starts DeeDee on a trip across the screen by pushing the D key (for Draw). DeeDee moves about a quarter of an inch up the screen, then stops. Behind her is a white line.

Eric pushes the D key again, then the R key (for turn right 30 degrees) three times. Then he

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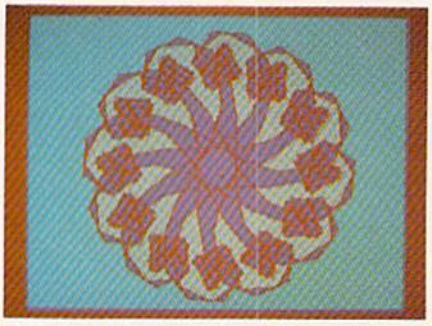


pushes the S key.

Eric has made DeeDee do something significant by pushing just five buttons. First, he has made DeeDee move and draw a line—as soon as he presses the button. (This is called immediate gratification.)

Second, he has just created a *program*. The program is extremely simple, but it will act as a building block for the shapes that Eric is planning to make DeeDee draw next.

Eric saves his program by pressing the S key. (At this point Eric's daddy likes to press the T—Text—key to see the actual commands Eric has given DeeDee. This reassures Eric's daddy that Eric is, in fact, creating a real program. Eric, however, is confident that he is programming even without seeing the list of commands. He can see that his programs are working by watching DeeDee whiz around the screen drawing the shapes he has dreamed up.)

When Eric presses the S key the screen goes blank and DeeDee reappears in the home position. With only a moment's hesitation, Eric presses the X and the 1 buttons to run Program 1. DeeDee spurts forward two paces and turns right. Behind her is the straight line.

Eric presses the X and 1 buttons three more times. When he is done DeeDee is back in her home position. She has just drawn a square. Eric types the R button to turn DeeDee 30 degrees to the right. Then he types an S to save his second program.

Next Eric presses the X and the 2 keys seven times to run Program 2 seven times. When he is finished he smiles. DeeDee has just created a flower made up of little boxes rotated around a central axis.

Is Eric done? Not yet. He likes flowers so much he wants them all over the screen, and he wants them in different colors. He presses a couple more keys and colors the flower petals orange and blue and green. Then he presses the M button and holds it down. DeeDee scoots up the screen. Eric presses the S button to save his third program.

Now he's finally ready to do his picture. To make the picture he uses the building block Programs 1–3 that he has just created. To fill the screen with colorful flowers, he has to press only two keys: the X and the 3. Each time he runs his third program, DeeDee draws a flower, colors it in, then zips to a new part of the screen.

Pretty soon Eric and DeeDee have filled the entire screen with flowers. Eric is done. He gets up from the computer and goes looking for his family to show off his latest creation.

The Tip Of The Iceberg

Delta Drawing is a spectacular learning game. I have described only a tiny bit of what kids can do with it. But the neatest thing about *Delta Drawing* is that children can explore all its powerful features, or they can spend hours on a single part of *Delta Drawing* and still not exhaust it. The program is made for children to explore. And if my children are any guide, they love doing it.

Kids On Keys

Kids on Keys is available from Spinnaker Software. The Commodore 64 disk costs $29.95; the Commodore 64 cartridge costs $34.95.

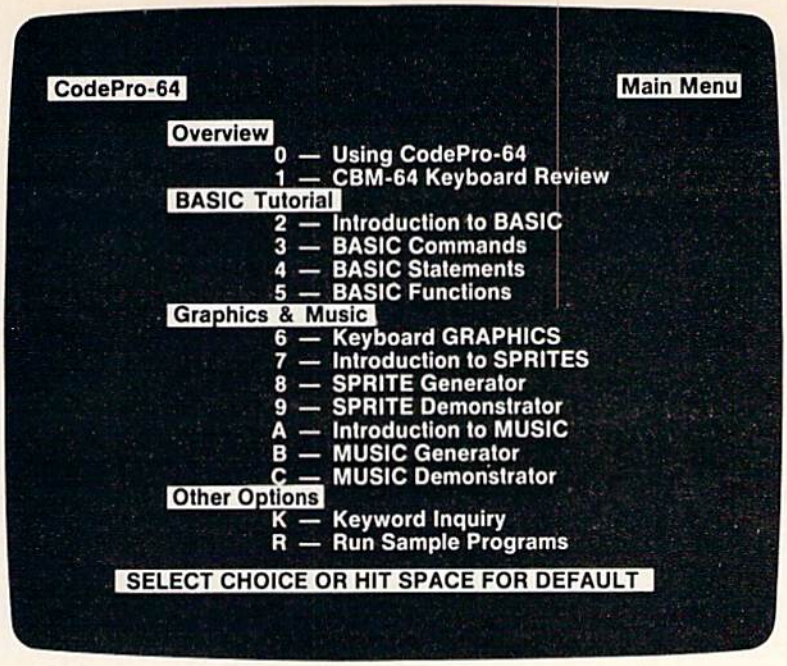
Kids on Keys is one of those programs that my family ought to like. It teaches all sorts of good things like the alphabet, shapes and colors, problem-solving, and, last but not least, the computer (or typewriter) keyboard.

It turns out that my family really does love *Kids on Keys*, but not because it teaches all that sound educational stuff. We love it for lots of little intangible reasons, like the neat music it plays. Or like the little person who whimsically floats up and down in a balloon. Or the way the letters we correctly identify make a loud *BURP!* and crumble like cookies. Or the funny way the cats, rabbits, boots, and faces fly off the screen after we correctly identify them.

Somehow, subtly, and disarmingly, *Kids on Keys* is charming. So we all love to play it. (Even though some of us are 34 years old, and we're supposed to already know our alphabet.)

And for those adults out there who are snickering in their sleeves, I dare you to try *Kids on Keys*, Game 3, Level 4. Just try to guess all those fragmented shapes, especially after they have changed color and scrambled their positions. Let me tell you, it is no laughing matter. Especially since the key word is quickly fading away.

How well-developed is *your* skill of pattern recognition? Play *Kids on Keys*, and you'll find out.



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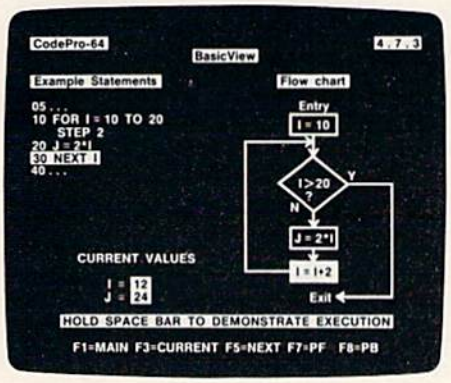

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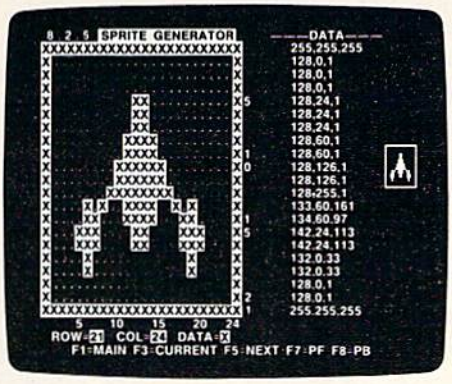

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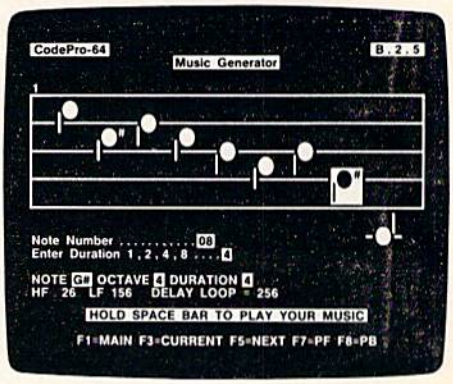
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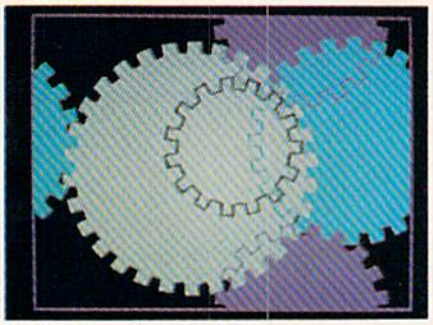

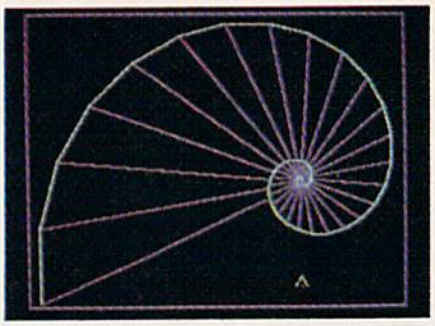

Alphabet Zoo

Alphabet Zoo is also available from Spinnaker Software. The Commodore 64 disk costs $29.95; the Commodore 64 cartridge costs $34.95.

Alphabet Zoo is a trip—a trip into a dark maze filled with colorful glowing letters. At the heart of the maze is a fox or a vase or a bottle of ink or a pair of socks (or dozens of other objects). Your goal is to guess the first letter in the object's name (like "f" for fox or "s" for socks). Then you run through the maze and chase down that letter. The letter skulks around the maze trying to elude you, but you can enter special doorways and take shortcuts through the maze. When you capture the letter, the computer plays a musical tune, you win points, and you get plopped down in a new maze with new letters and a new object.

Alphabet Zoo is very flexible. You and your child can play alone or together. You can choose to chase down capital letters, lowercase letters, or a mixture of both. Also, you can graduate to game 2 where you have to chase down entire words that match the picture in the maze's center.

There are six levels in each game. This lets your child work on different types of letters and words: easy and difficult consonants, vowels, etc., and words of anywhere from two to nine letters.

Alphabet Zoo is a valuable game for you and a child to play. It teaches all sorts of reading readiness skills, including letter recognition, letter sequence, and letter sounds. And having to chase the letters around the maze helps children develop fine motor skills that they will need when they begin writing.

All these things are terrific, but I've saved the best part for last. When you start each new trip into the alphabet maze, you get to choose your own player-creature. And the creatures are hilarious. One is a plump, pumpkin-like happy face. Another is a little, excited monster who keeps jumping up and down.

All the player-creatures are very lovable. Making them hop and bump their way around the maze hunting letters is a big part of the game's charm. And that's the secret of a good game. The game has worthwhile goals and desirable rewards. But it's also fun just playing. You and the child will still enjoy yourselves even if you never do track down one of those tricky letters.

Cosmic Life

Cosmic Life is available from Spinnaker Software. The cartridge for the Commodore 64 costs $34.95.

Cosmic Life originated long, long ago, in the mists of time, before the Apple, before the PET, and before the TRS-80.

In that long-ago time there was a math wizard named John Conway. Conway created a game called *Life*. In Conway's little world, creatures lived according to three very simple rules:

- Survival

  Every creature with two or three neighbors was happy and survived until the next generation.

- Death

  When a creature was surrounded by four or more neighbors the creature felt overcrowded, became sad, and died. If the creature had only one neighbor or no neighbors at all, the creature became lonely and died.

- Birth

  Whenever three creatures got together and shared an empty space, they produced a new creature for the next generation.

Conway published his game of *Life* in *Scientific American* over ten years ago. But it wasn't until recently that Ken Madell, the author of *Cosmic Life*, showed Spinnaker that he could convert Conway's intellectual parlor game into a fun computer learning game for kids and adults.

The creatures in *Cosmic Life* are known as Digi-Bugs, cute little *Pac-Man*-like creatures. They are born, they live, and they die according to Conway's original rules.

When you play *Cosmic Life* you begin with a barren, uninhabited planet. You pilot a joystick-controlled spaceship down to the planet and begin seeding it with Digi-Bugs.

Then prepare to be entranced. Digi-Bug colonies start popping up all over the screen. The little creatures grow, multiply, dwindle, and disappear, right before your eyes.

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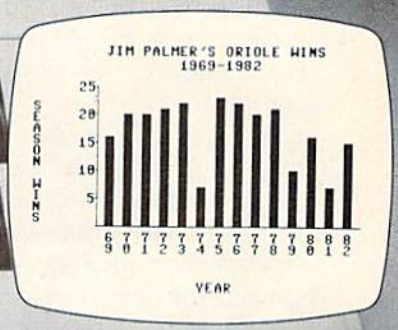

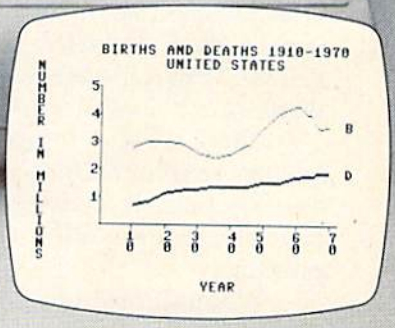

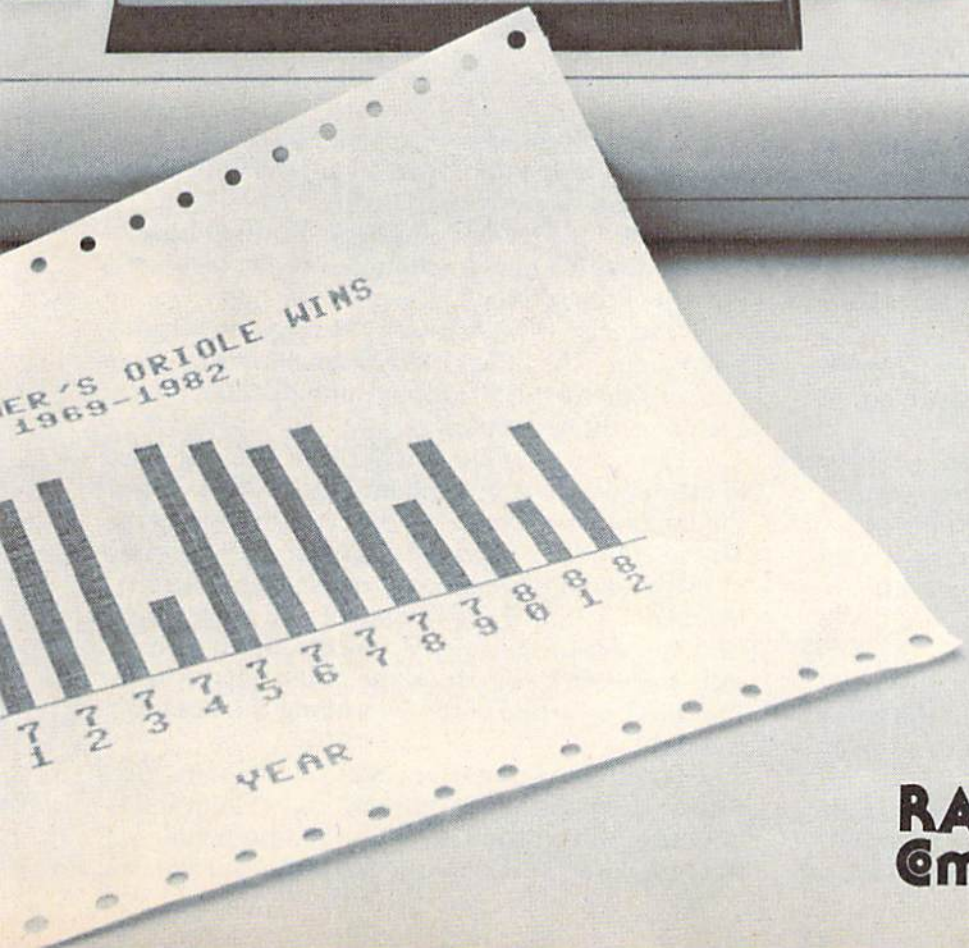

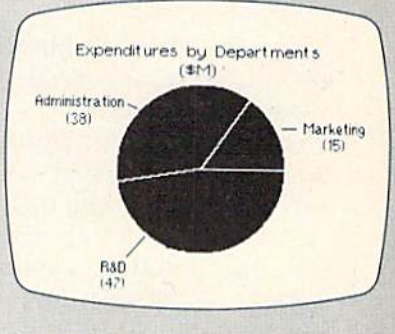

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for the little creatures. You will learn what patterns help them grow and which patterns make them sad and vanish.

Something happens each Digi-Bug day. Each day lasts about four seconds. You can create a game of anywhere from 10 to 250 Digi-Bug days. At the end of each day the computer scores points based on how many Digi-Bugs are currently living on the planet. Your goal is to create settlement patterns for the Digi-Bugs that make them happy, fruitful, and fertile. But you have to keep a balance. If your Digi-Bug planet gets too crowded, the Digi-Bugs will start disappearing again.

Up For Grabs

Up for Grabs is also available from Spinnaker Software. The program costs $39.95 and comes on a cartridge for the Commodore 64.

Up for Grabs is supposedly for kids eight and up. But it is an instant swamp for kids, and maybe for adults, too. This is not to say that the program is not fun, because it is fun. But *Up for Grabs* is not an intuitively charming game like the other games above. It takes lots of practice and you'd better read the instruction book if you want to know what's going on.

Up for Grabs is an electronic *Scrabble* game. A cube spins around in the center of the screen. On each of the cube's faces is a letter. The letter rotates around, in view, then disappears. When the cube face comes around the next time, a new letter has replaced the old letter.

You pick a letter by pushing the button on your joystick. An arrow appears and points, in turn, at each of the letters on the cube that are visible. When the arrow points at the letter you want, you press the joystick button again.

There are four letter boards for up to four *Up for Grabs* players. Once you have chosen a letter, you can place it on one of the squares on your board by manipulating a row pointer and a column pointer.

When Catie and I first tried playing *Up for Grabs* without reading the directions, we got nowhere.

Later, my wife Janet and I played. Janet spent most of the first couple of games fuming and fussing at the computer. She claimed it was stealing her letters, putting them on the wrong squares on the board, and substituting other letters for the ones she'd chosen.

I had the same problem.

But then things started improving. We got better at manipulating the letters and the game boards. All of a sudden, we were hooked. We played game after game.

We kept playing. I looked at my watch. It was ten o'clock, it was a school night, and the kids were upstairs noisily dismantling their bedrooms. But Janet and I played on.

If you like *Scrabble* and you are a patient learner, you'll like *Up for Grabs*.

Tonight I'm going to talk to Catie. I'm going to try to persuade her to give the game a second chance. I think it's worth it.

Fraction Fever

Fraction Fever is available from Spinnaker Software. It costs $34.95 and comes on a cartridge for the Commodore 64.

This is one of the most frustrating yet most addictive games I have ever played. (Spinnaker recommends *Fraction Fever* for *people* eight and up. *Fraction Fever*, *Up for Grabs*, and *Cosmic Life* are the first three games in Spinnaker's Family Learning Game series.)

The game is not a swamp, it's just so darned tough!

When you enter the world of this game you become a little person on a pogo stick. You start bouncing the pogo stick around on the bottom floor of a crazy, 20-floor building.

As you bounce the pogo stick, using your joystick, you discover boxes beneath the floor at intervals. The boxes, some filled and some empty, represent fractional quantities. Your goal is to find a group of boxes that matches the fraction hovering in the top-center part of your screen. For example, let's say the fraction is ½. You would bounce your pogo stick until you found, say, four boxes together where two boxes were full and two were empty. When you bounce onto the square with these boxes you press the joystick button.

A neat thing happens. A *fraction elevator* springs out of the floor, picks you and your pogo stick up and carries you to the next floor. You bounce off the elevator and begin hunting boxes to match with a new fraction that is displayed at the top of the screen.

One of the best features of this game is the pogo radar. The little radar screen shows the floor you are on and the floor above and the floor below, each in a different color.

The radar is important because you can use it to estimate where you will find the boxes to match the fraction. The boxes are like distance markers. The fraction they represent is equal to the portion of the whole floor you have traveled, measured from left to right. For example, if you are trying to find boxes representing ¾, you can locate your little pogo-stick person on the radar, then bounce him three-quarters of the way along the floor to the right.

When you find the boxes—four of them, three full; or, perhaps, eight of them, six of them full—you have three visual matches for a particular fraction. First, you have the fraction itself (¾) in

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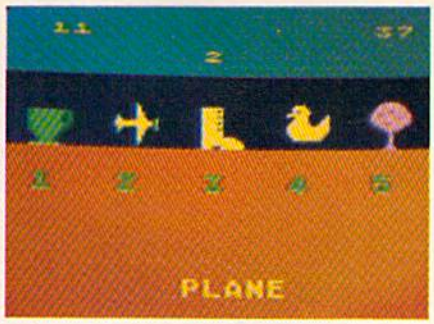

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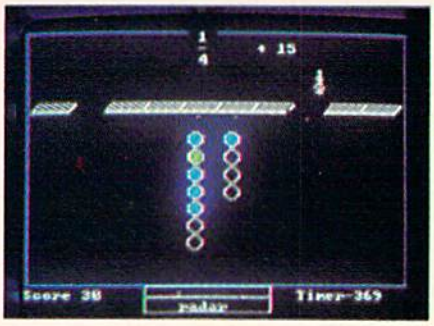

Fraction Fever *by Spinnaker Software.*

the upper part of the screen. Second, you have the four boxes (three full out of a total of four). And, third, you can see the little pogo stick on the radar, and it is exactly three-quarters of the way along the floor (measured from left to right).

The radar is also important because it warns you that holes in the floor are close by. If your pogo-stick person drops through the hole, he falls to the next floor below. This doesn't hurt him, and he can summon the fraction elevator to go back up by matching a new fraction to new boxes. But he can only fall ten times. After that he runs out of pogo sticks.

Where did the holes come from? The only way to get points in this game is by punching holes in the floor with your pogo stick. You get points each time you punch a hole in the floor over a set of boxes that do *not* match the fraction that is appearing on the screen.

But watch out. You have to punch and run, or else you will drop through the hole you just created and fall down to the floor below.

And there's the rub. Those holes are a darned nuisance. The first few times I played *Fraction Fever* I deliberately punched lots of holes to score lots of points. But then my floors had holes everywhere, and I ended up falling down a hole before I could find the correct boxes and catch a ride upward on the fraction elevator.

So I changed my tactics. I tried to get to the topmost (20th) floor first. Then I planned to work my way backwards, punching holes and falling through the floor.

This tactic worked fine until the 16th floor. Then the boxes changed to partly filled beakers. I had to see if the current fraction matched the amount of liquid in the beakers, and then check to see if the partly filled beakers matched the portion of the floor I had traversed. By the time I went through all this estimating and guessing, my time would run out and I would have to hop off the current floor (or fall through a hole) and drop to the floor below. Then the timer would start again and I would try to match the fraction, the beaker, and the floor, and catch another ride upward on the fraction elevator.

Unfortunately, I kept timing out and falling through holes faster than I could estimate fractions. Pretty soon I was back near the bottom of the building with no more pogo sticks to bounce on.

Now I'm a veteran of *Fraction Fever*. Even so, I've never made it past the sixteenth floor, and I've never scored over 16 points.

But I'm going to keep trying. And because I'm persisting, I'm becoming a better fraction-guesser and a better pogo stick bouncer.

I just wish that Tom Snyder, the designer of this game (along with other Spinnaker best sellers, such as *In Search of the Most Amazing Thing* and *Snooper Troops*), would have been more generous with his point allotment. After scoring thousands of points with videogames, I found it quite hard to be content with scores like 6, 11, or 3.

Also, I would have loved it if Snyder had awarded me points for guessing the correct fraction rather than for punching holes in the floor whenever I spotted an incorrect fraction (or group of boxes representing a fraction).

Last, I wish that Snyder had designed the game with several levels, including three or four below the level the game operates at now. I can live with the knowledge that I've only made it to the sixteenth floor (that's 16/20 of all the floors, or 8/10, or 4/5, or four full boxes out of a total of five). But it would have made it easier for me to get Catie and Eric past the first floor.

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64 Electronic Notepad

Dan Carmichael, Assistant Editor

If you've ever collected so many games and programs on disk or tape that you lost track of how to use each one, then the "64 Electronic Notepad" is just what the doctor ordered.

Have you ever looked at a directory on a disk (or a list of programs on a tape) that was jam-packed with programs and realized that you had forgotten the instructions on how to run them? Or have you ever wanted a convenient way to store anything like notes on that program you're writing or a list of names and phone numbers? If so, then the "64 Electronic Notepad" is the program for you.

The Electronic Notepad contains the most basic functions of a word processor and the ability to store a screen full of information to either tape or disk. Don't leave yet; there's an added bonus: a built-in cipher that will, at the touch of a finger, scramble or unscramble your notes. It's a simple scrambler, but good enough to fool the average nosey person.

How To Use The Program

First, type in the program and SAVE it to tape or disk before running. Be extra careful when typing in the DATA statements; they're for a machine language program, and as with all machine language subroutines, a mistake in just one DATA statement can freeze up your computer.

After the program has been typed in accurately, type RUN, press RETURN, and wait a few seconds while the BASIC program loads the machine language routines into memory.

The first user prompt you will see is ENTER 2 SECRET CODES (0–255):. This is for the cipher part of the program. The scrambling of your notepad pages (which, by the way, is optional) is done twice, using two different numbers. Two scrambles will make it that much harder for the curious or the nosey to decode your secret notes. When you enter these two numbers (between 0 and 255), separate them by a comma. Don't be alarmed when you type in the numbers and they aren't seen on the screen. This is intentional. If there are other people around, they won't be able to see your secret codes as you type them in. If you want to see the numbers as you type them, you can delete *POKE 646, PEEK (53281)* from line 17 (be sure to remove the colon, too). Remember to separate the two numbers by a comma. As an example, you might enter *100,200*. If you won't be needing the cipher, enter two zeros.

The second user prompt that will be displayed is DISK OR TAPE?. Here you'll want to press either D or T. The program is written for one or the other, but not both at the same time. For example, if you're in the tape mode, you won't be able to get a disk directory with the program, even if you have a disk drive connected to the computer.

If you've typed in the program correctly, it should now be running, and you should see the options page. The options are:

View notepad page. Press the f1 key for this option. The program calls in a notepad page from either disk or tape and sends it directly to the screen for viewing.

Create notepad page. If you press f3, the program enters the basic word processor mode. Now

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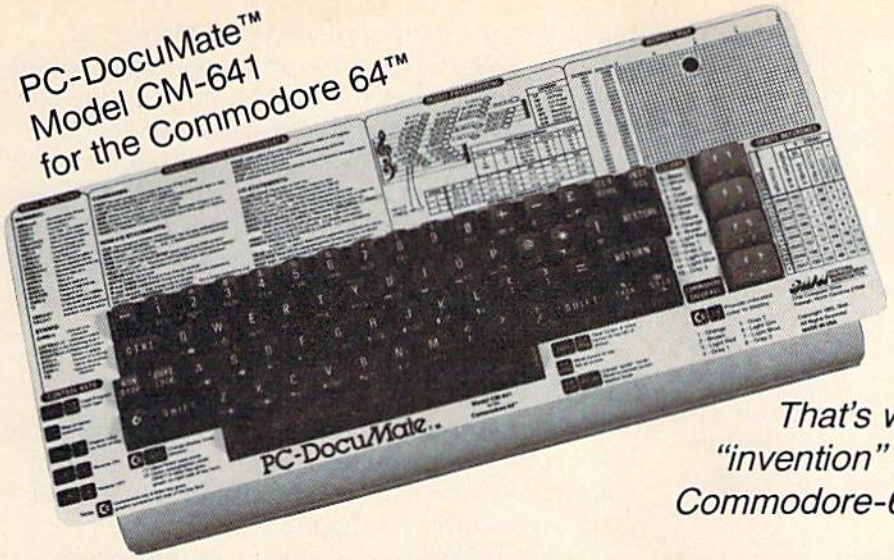

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you can create a notepad page and save it to tape or disk with any filename you choose. While you're in this mode, pressing f1 performs the SAVE, and pressing f8 aborts the page and returns to the options page.

View disk directory. This option (called by pressing f5) displays the disk directory. The program will send it directly to the screen, and it will not affect the BASIC program in memory. While you're in the tape mode, you cannot get a disk directory.

Change program options. Pressing f6 restarts the program. This enables you to change your secret codes if you wish. You can also use this option to change to either disk or tape. Pressing f8 ends the program.

Using The Cipher Option

The scramble option runs all the time and is controlled by the back-arrow key at the upper-left corner of the keyboard. Pressing it once (if you entered your secret codes) will scramble the screen; pressing it again will unscramble.

To use the cipher option to scramble a page before saving, create the page as you normally would using the f3 *create notepad page* option. When you're ready to save the page, press the back-arrow (to scramble the page) and then press f1 to SAVE. The notepad page will then be saved to either tape or disk in the scrambled form.

To use the cipher to unscramble a notepad page, load the notepad page file as you normally would using the f1 *view notepad page* option. After the page has been loaded and is displayed on the screen, press the back-arrow to unscramble it. If you're using the same secret codes you did when you saved the page, the page will now be readable.

How The Program Works

The key to the Electronic Notepad is screen memory page-flipping. This is a technique where you can create one or more extra screens in RAM memory. When you're in the *create notepad page* mode, you're actually writing to the screen (1024–2047); but as soon as you press f1 for the SAVE, you "flip" to another screen memory page that has been set up past the end of the program in BASIC memory. This way you can display the user prompts, such as ENTER NOTEPAD PAGE NAME, without disturbing the page you've written. We'll come back to this later.

For you machine language programmers, the program uses some Kernal routines. The load-a-page option is done with the Kernal LOAD routine ($FFD5), and the save uses the Kernal SAVE routine ($FFD8). The display directory option can be found in the cassette buffer and is a machine language subroutine.

The cipher option can be found in an unused area of the 64's memory between 679 and 752 ($02A7 to $02F0). The subroutine works by looking at screen memory itself and then flipping the bits (with the EOR command) of the characters that are displayed on the screen. It does this alternately (every other byte of screen memory) with the two secret codes you entered. The first secret code is used to cipher all the odd bytes (1,3,5...), and the second code is used for the even numbers (2,4,6,...).

Hints And Tips

Remember your secret codes. If you use a different secret code when you save a notepad page than when you load it back in, the cipher will not correctly unscramble the page.

The word processor portion in the create mode is designed to be a very elementary word processor. You do not have full editing capabilities, and a few keys, like the CRSR left/right and the HOME/CLR, will not work. The inconveniences are minimal if you proofread the text as it is being created. If you make a mistake, use the DELETE key to backspace/erase and then make your corrections. To end a line, press RETURN. Don't use the last three positions (lower-right corner) on the screen. This can cause the screen to scroll, and you may lose the top one or two lines of your text.

Organization of the notepad page filenames can make things easier. For example, when saving to disk, you might want to end each filename with an EN, which stands for Electronic Notepad. That way, when you're looking at the disk directory, you'll automatically know that a filename like SPACE GAME.EN is the electronic notepad page of instructions on how to play "Space Game" on the same disk.

Don't scramble notepad pages unless absolutely necessary. The program was written using page-flipping for a specific reason. If you want to quickly load in a notepad page in the immediate mode, you can do it without running the Electronic Notepad program. First you have to fill color memory, then you can load in the notepad page. To do this, enter:

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FORA=55296TO56319:POKEA,PEEK(646):NEXT:
  LOAD"filename",dn,1
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then press RETURN. Filename is the name of the Electronic Notepad page. The device number, dn, is 1 for tape or 8 for disk. If the page was scrambled before it was saved, you'll have to run the Notepad program to unscramble it.

You'll probably find that keeping notes or instructions on the same disks or tapes that contain your programs is a lot easier than shuffling papers and trying to keep track of handwritten notes.

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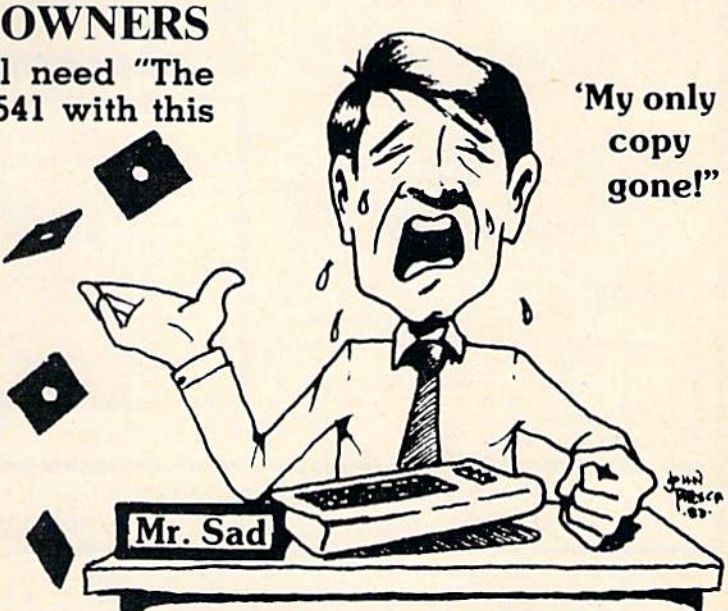

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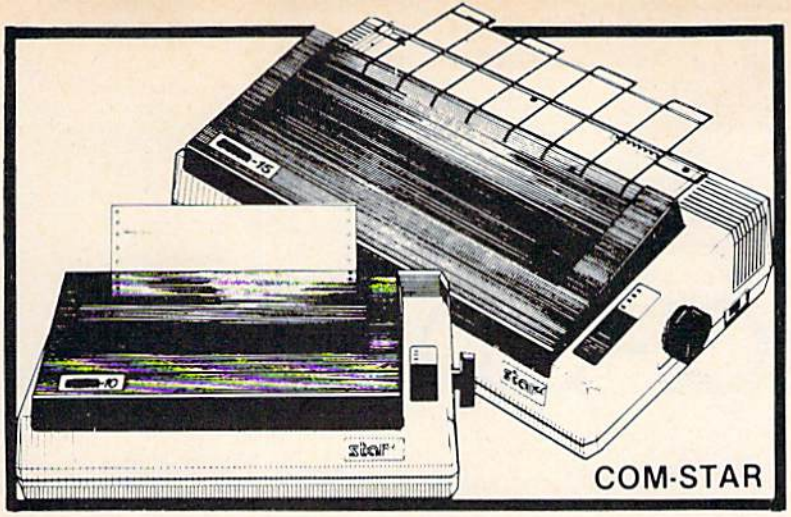

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Alpha-Shoot

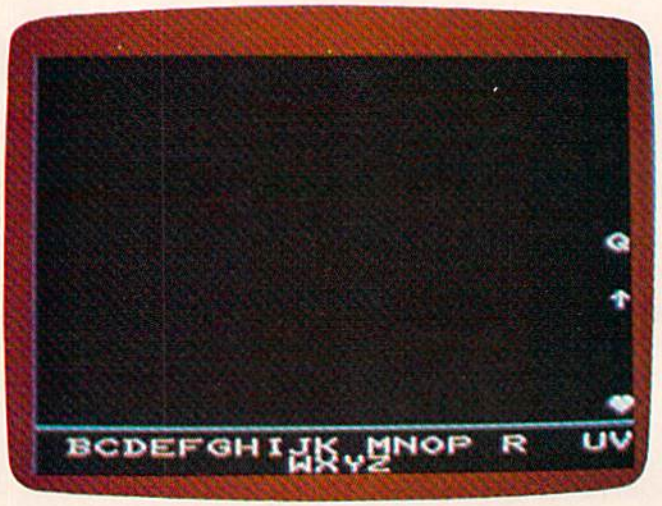
Neil T. Capaldi

The author wrote this educational game for the unexpanded VIC-20; we've added a version for the Commodore 64. It works with either keyboard controls or a joystick.

"Alpha-Shoot" is a game I wrote for my son to help him learn and recognize the letters of the alphabet.

The object of the game is to line up the heart-shaped character at the bottom of the screen with the letter displayed above. The heart can be moved left or right with the C and B keys or with the joystick. (With the Commodore 64 version, plug the joystick into port 2.)

Pressing the space bar or joystick fire button shoots an arrow up the screen. As each letter is hit, it explodes and is placed in alphabetic order at the bottom of the screen. When all the letters in the alphabet have been "captured" this way, the game redisplays the alphabet to the familiar children's tune of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star."



Taking aim at a Q in the VIC version of "Alpha-Shoot."

Four Games In One

Alpha-Shoot has four possible variations. When you first run the program, it asks you to choose from these four options:

1. The letters of the alphabet are displayed randomly.

2. Letters are displayed in alphabetic order, A-Z.

3. The letter to be displayed can be selected from the keyboard.

4. Letters are displayed randomly and move across the screen.

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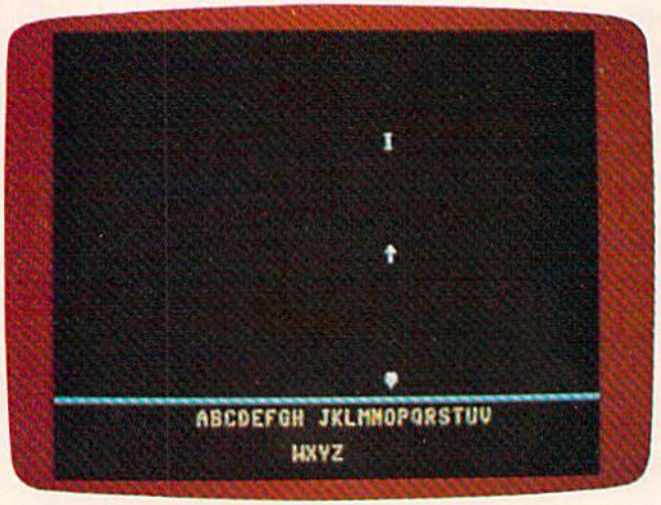

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Children's Educational Games

Tony Roberts, Assistant Managing Editor

ALPHA-BECi *uses simple graphics to teach letters of the alphabet.*

The goal of Boston Educational Computing is to provide owners of the most elementary computer systems with educational software that can be used easily by those with little knowledge of computing.

In its Child Development Series, BECi (pronounced Becky) meets this goal. Among the software in the series are a counting program and an alphabet program aimed at preschool children and an addition-subtraction program targeted for the slightly older child.

All of the programs are on tape and are designed to work on an unexpanded VIC-20, but they perform just as well with a memory expander. *NUMER-BECi* and *ADD/SUB* are also available for the Commodore 64 and Atari computers.

Introducing The Alphabet

ALPHA-BECi is intended to help preschool children learn the letters of the alphabet, both upper- and lowercase, associate each letter with a word beginning with that letter, and see how each letter relates to the others in the alphabet.

For each letter, the program provides a screen which includes the capital letter, the small letter, and a picture of an object. The screen is slowly drawn, giving a child the opportunity to call out the name of the letter or object as soon as he recognizes it.

First, the capital letter is drawn, then the associated small letter, then the object with its name below. The entire alphabet is then printed at the bottom of the screen with the target letter highlighted.

ALPHA-BECi can be run in one of three ways. From a menu you decide whether to run the program sequentially, randomly, or under keyboard control. That is, the program will either step through the alphabet from A to Z, will display random letters, or will show screens for the letters selected by the user. The mode can be changed at any time by pressing RUN/STOP, then rerunning the program.

For a child, watching the colorful objects appear on screen is like opening a present. The program's only sound effect is a boop-boop-boop that comes as the letters of the alphabet are being printed along the bottom of the screen. For an adult, it may become a little annoying, but it seems to be music to a child's ears.

Shapes And Colors

NUMER-BECi teaches the preschooler to identify the numbers from 1 to 12, to identify shapes, and to identify colors. And it is set up so the youngster can learn these new ideas at his own pace.

The menu offers the following options:

1. COUNT LIKE THINGS
2. COUNT UNLIKE THINGS
3. COUNT COLORS
4. COUNT SHAPES
5. COUNT COLORS AND SHAPES

A second menu allows you to select a time limit for the answers. Your options here are to let the program run itself, filling in the answers after a specific time delay; have it wait until the child fills in an answer; or have it set a time limit.

When running the program with a time limit set, a correct answer will shorten the time allowed for the next problem. As long as the child continues providing correct answers, the time limit is shortened until he misses. Then the time limit is

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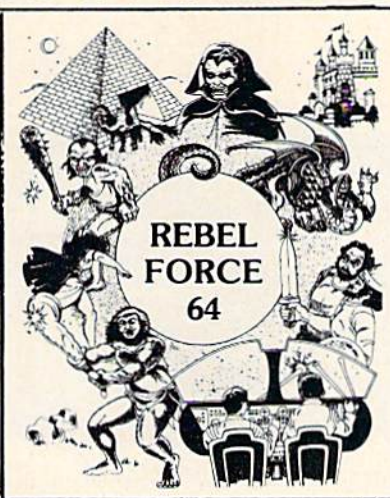

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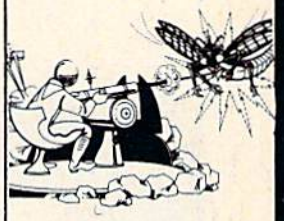

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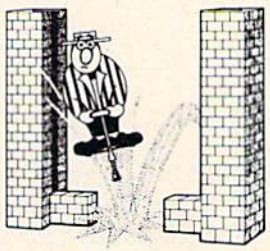

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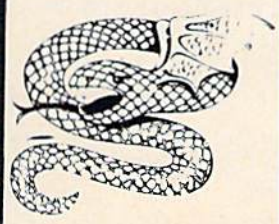

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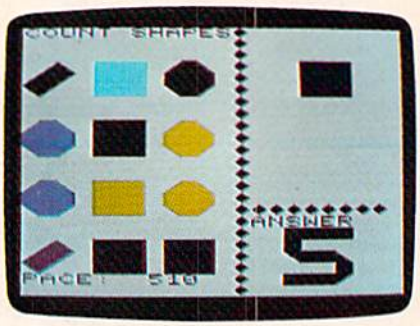

NUMER-BECi *teaches youngsters to recognize and count various colored shapes.*

The top arrow in ADD/SUB *reminds youngsters when to carry or borrow.*

incremented slightly. This feature challenges a child to increase the speed at which he inputs his answers.

When the program is run in the wait-for-answer mode, the child is simply asked to count the number of shapes printed on the screen. If the answer is correct, he moves on to the next problem. If the answer is wrong, the word WHOOPS! is printed in red and the correct answer is displayed.

Under the Count Colors option, the program prints shapes of different colors on the screen and the child is shown a color block and asked to count the number of shapes that match the color block. Count Shapes is a similar exercise with shapes. Shapes and colors are mixed in the final exercise. The child must count the number of black squares, or red triangles, for example.

The child's answer to each problem is printed in large block letters. It takes a second or two to appear for the answer to be printed on the screen after it has been typed in, and this can be a bit disconcerting if you're used to seeing what you type appear on the screen instantly.

Putting 2 And 2 Together

ADD/SUB is BECi's program for older children. The program, which is available for the Commodore 64 as well as the VIC-20, offers choices of addition or subtraction, one to four digits, and decimal or whole numbers. In addition, the user can decide whether to include problems that require carrying or borrowing. For those just learning about carrying and borrowing, there is an option that provides a hint in the form of a large arrow pointing to the column from which a borrow has been made or to which a carry must go.

With *ADD/SUB* you also can select a pace for solving the problems. The standard pace gives the child about seven seconds to answer. When the time is up, the computer will fill in the answer. If the wait-for-answer option is selected, the computer will wait until the numbers are filled in. The set pace option can be used to speed up or slow down the pace to meet a child's needs.

In *ADD/SUB* the problems are displayed in large black numbers with a green plus or minus sign. In multidigit problems, an arrow points to the first digits to be added or subtracted. The answers are filled in from right-to-left, just as they would be done on paper.

Using The Programs

The programs are, as advertised, easy to use. Simply load them from tape and type RUN. Options for play are presented in simple menus. To change the mode of play, press the STOP key, type RUN, and select a new option.

Loading the programs takes a few minutes; a preschooler with a short attention span might spend less time using the program than it takes to load.

The programs are low key. No scores are kept, and the rewards for correct answers are understated. The adjustable nature of the programs and the pacing options, however, provide these programs with an extended life. They are entertaining to a child just beginning to grasp the concepts covered, and they can challenge the more advanced child to solve the problems more quickly.

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Computer Baseball And *Ringside Seat* For Commodore 64

Gregg Keizer, Assistant Book Editor

Ever wanted to manage your own major league team? Most people who follow baseball closely just *know* that they could take their team to the World Series, if only *they* were manager. *Computer Baseball* can give you the feeling of the close game, a pennant race, even the final game of the Series. And it costs far less than buying the Minnesota Twins, the latest team up for sale. You won't even have to pay players' salaries.

This isn't an arcade baseball game like others you may have played. Although players move and hits cross the field, the animation is minimal. *Computer Baseball* is a simulation of the strategy and tactics of a major league team. Using actual statistics, opposing managers can select lineups, choose starting and relief pitchers, set up defense for the bunt or double play, and signal runners to steal. When you put on the manager's cap, *you* make the decisions for your team, hoping to outwit the opposing manager's strategy.

The game includes 28 team rosters, World Series teams all, which you can use to play another opponent, or even the computer manager, Casey. You can even enter data for new teams yourself, or send for a disk containing the most recent American and National League teams, so you can replay an entire season if you want.

How To Play

After you've booted the disk for *Computer Baseball*, you'll be offered several choices. Do you want to play a two-player game, play against the computer, enter new player data, or watch a demonstration game? Playing against Casey, the computer manager, is a good way to learn the game. Choosing this option presents more decisions. Do you want Casey to manage the home team, the visiting team, or both? I let Casey have the visiting team. But which team?

You'll see 28 teams listed on the screen, ranging from the '06 White Sox to the '81 Dodgers. All 28 played in a World Series, so you can replay a complete seven-game Series, or you can play a What If. What if the '27 Yankees, with Babe Ruth, could have met the '81 Yankees? Who was the better team? Has baseball gotten better, or worse? Once you select Casey's team, as well as your own, the computer will display the team lineups.

Now the decisions become more important. You can choose the starting pitcher(s) and set the batting order for your team. If you want, you can set the order for Casey's team too, but I let him do that. Although setting your batting order takes time, it adds to the game's realism. You have to fill each of the fielding positions, and you only have so many players. You could force a catcher to play outfield, but it's probably not a good idea. As you enter the order, take your time, for any errors you make means you'll have to go through it all again. Unfortunately, there's no option to change your mind in this section of the game.

The screen display appears once you've chosen your team and selected the batting order. The display shows a playing field, players, a scoreboard, and pitcher and batter status information. Once the game starts, you'll be able to tell if the batter is right- or left-handed, where the defense is playing, and the base-running abilities of men on base.

Whether your team is on the field or up to bat, you have several decisions to make. I took the field first, being the home team, so I had to choose my defensive alignment. You can play your outfielders shallow, or in their normal positions. Your infielders you can place even more carefully, moving them in, guarding the lines or setting up for the double play. You can hold base runners, if there are any, tight or loosely, depending on the situation. You can even visit the mound and talk to your pitcher, check to see if he's tired, and perhaps bring in a reliever. Make sure that your reliever is warmed up, though, or he could easily be hit off of.

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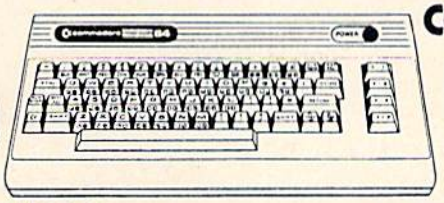

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run, bunt, steal, or signal your runners to edge off the bag a bit more. If you want, you can send in a pinch runner or hitter.

Each pitcher-batter confrontation is displayed on the screen by a single pitch. There are no balls and strikes called, although batters can be struck out. A message appears at the bottom of the screen after each pitch, telling you what's happened. Pop flies, grounders, and base hits are shown to you this way. Runners advance, are thrown out, or score. Although only nine innings are displayed on the screen, extra innings are possible.

Managing It All

Computer Baseball is not for the impatient. It's not a fast-moving, arcade-style game, but it's not meant to be. Instead, the game is for those who love baseball, who have always wanted to step into a manager's cleats. As a simulation, it gives you the feeling of managing a team. Just as in reality, once the basic decisions are made, the players run, hit, and throw in their own ways. A major league manager cannot hit for a player, and neither can you in this game. The statistics of each player determine that.

Some games are pitchers' battles, with low scores. Other games display hitters' powers, and the scores run up quickly. No two games are the same. Again, that reflects the simulation's excellence. As the innings pass, your decisions on pitching and running change, just as in a real game. Strategy is vital. Outguessing the opposing manager is just as important.

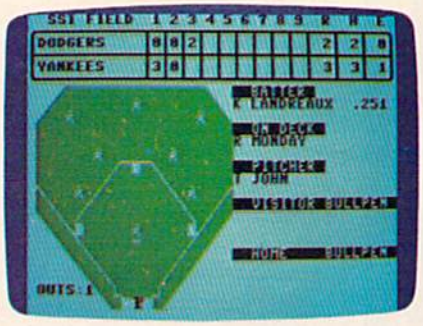
If you enjoy baseball, you'll enjoy this game. The computer takes all the routine drudgery out of keeping track of statistics and lets you concentrate on decision-making. You'll think you've paced and worried in the dugout just like a major league manager.

Ringside Seat

In many ways like *Computer Baseball*, *Ringside Seat* is a game of strategy and statistics. But instead of managing a major league baseball team, you play the part of a boxer's manager. You're not the fighter, but his manager, telling him how to fight when he's in the corner between rounds. Once the bell rings, he boxes in his own way, simply following your strategic suggestions.

When the game is loaded from disk, you have the option of managing either, both, or neither of the fighters. If you want, you can also act as the third judge in the fight, or let the computer handle it. Then you select the two boxers.

The game includes a variety of boxers available to you. Divided into weight classifications, from bantamweight to heavyweight, you simply enter the fighters' names and weight divisions. To see a complete list of the fighters on the game disk, you should press *E* the first time the computer asks you to enter a choice. After a short delay, you should press *L* to see the fighter lists, and then the weight classification. The screen will then show the fighter's identification number, his name, rating, style (slugger or boxer), and his weight division. The lists contain



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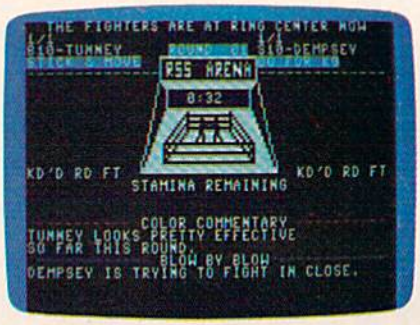
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Once you've chosen the fighters and started the game, you'll see a display on the screen. The boxing ring is shown, as well as representations of the fighters, each still in his corner. Other information, such as the fighters' names, the strategy picked by each manager, condition of the fighter, from cuts to stamina remaining, and even the cumulative judges' score will be displayed. At the top of the screen you'll see descriptions of the fighters' movements during a round. Near the bottom of the screen you'll see messages displayed for the color commentary and blow-by-blow descriptions of the fight.

As in a real fight, you decide how you want your fighter to box that round. The options range from fighting flatfooted, which lets him rest in a round, saving his strength, to going for the knockout. Your fighter's abilities in each of the strategies are listed at the bottom of the screen before the round starts. Some fighters are better at charging in, while others are more effective in the stick and move. Choosing your fighter's style for that round is the most important part of managing. You have to use your fighter wisely, not overworking him, for each strategy reduces the boxer's stamina level. A more aggressive style, such as charging in, or sticking and moving, uses up more stamina than a

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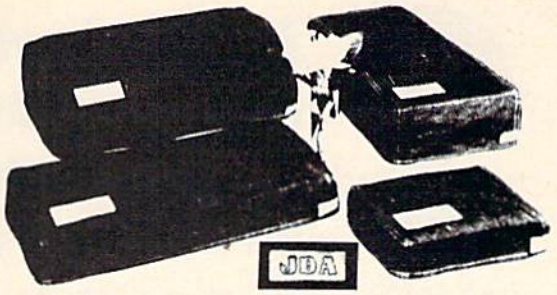

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After each round, the judges' scores are displayed at the top of the screen, showing how each judge awarded points. Each fighter's stamina is changed to reflect how tired he is, and you can choose a different strategy for the next round. The fight continues as many rounds as you selected earlier, from a three-round preliminary bout, to a fifteen-round title fight. When the fight ends, the judges will tabulate their scores and announce a winner, unless a knockout or technical knockout has been called earlier in the fight. Whatever the decision, you can see the judges' scorecards after the fight, seeing how each awarded points and how many knockdowns each fighter had.

As with *Computer Baseball*, you have the option in *Ringside Seat* to enter new data for other fighters, or even to create a fictional boxer, giving him abilities of your own choice.

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This game is much faster moving than *Computer Baseball*. In a way, that's a disadvantage, for it moves quicker because there are fewer decisions for you to make. I didn't feel as involved in this game as in the baseball simulation for that reason.

The game still gives you the flavor of managing a fighter, and of a bout itself. Pacing is important in the game, for if you expend too much energy early in the fight by constantly choosing to go for the knockout, or to charge in, your fighter will be weak before the fight ends. As the fighter's stamina falls, so does his effectiveness in many of the strategies. When his effectiveness falls below 2, his punches come with less frequency, and land less often.

As in *Computer Baseball*, the animation in *Ringside Seat* is not up to arcade standards. The sound is weak as well. But these detract little from the game's attractions. No arcade-style boxing game gives you the strategic choices and actual fighters that *Ringside Seat* does. Learning how to direct a fighter takes time and practice. This game lets you experience the thrills and agonies of professional boxing, without ever stepping into a gymnasium. Maybe *your* fighter can be a contender.

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The computer can be a very powerful tool in mathematical calculations. A computer can go beyond a calculator by putting procedures into a program for repetitious work or for logic-dependent answers. The slide rule generation was limited to three significant figures, and problems may have taken hours of work and pads of paper to solve. The calculators streamlined problem-solving and took the drudgery out of mathematics. Now the microcomputers can solve problems with even less time and effort—and to many decimal places of accuracy. The VIC-20 and Commodore 64 display numbers with nine significant figures (ten are stored internally).

The π key is handy in any calculations involving pi (the ratio of the circumference to the diameter of a circle). π has a built-in value on the VIC and 64 and is available directly from the keyboard. Use SHIFT and the up-arrow key to get the π symbol. Try the command PRINT π and you will get the decimal equivalent of pi. To use π in any calculations, just use the symbol. For example, try PRINT 3* π and press RETURN. This short program, "Circles," illustrates the use of this key:

Circles

```
100 PRINT "{CLR} ** CIRCLES **"   :rem 162
110 PRINT "{DOWN}ENTER THE RADIUS.{DOWN}"
                                  :rem 218
120 INPUT "R = ";R                :rem 131
130 PRINT "{DOWN}AREA = ";↑*R*R   :rem 254
140 PRINT "{DOWN}CIRCUMFERENCE = ";↑*2*R
                                  :rem 129
150 PRINT "{3 DOWN}ANOTHER CIRCLE? (Y/N)
    {SPACE}";                     :rem 254
160 GET A$                        :rem 220
170 IF A$="Y" THEN 100            :rem 38
180 IF A$<>"N" THEN 160           :rem 95
190 PRINT A$                      :rem 140
200 END                           :rem 105
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The square root function is available on our computers. SQR(X) will return the square root of a number with the variable name of X. Try PRINT SQR(16) to get the square root of 16, or 4. Some valid statements are:

```
10 X=SQR(T)                       :rem 145
30 A=SQR(B)+3+Y                   :rem 76
70 Z=SQR(C*3+F)                   :rem 86
40 ON SQR(R) GOTO 80,100,150      :rem 186
```

"Radius" is a sample program that illustrates the use of the square root function to calculate the radius of a circle if the area is given ($A = \pi r^2$).

Radius

```
100 PRINT "{CLR}RADIUS"           :rem 189
110 PRINT "{DOWN}ENTER AREA OF CIRCLE."
                                  :rem 128
120 INPUT "A = ";A                :rem 97
130 IF A>0 THEN 160               :rem 152
140 PRINT "{DOWN}SORRY, MUST BE > 0."
                                  :rem 174
150 GOTO 110                      :rem 97
160 R=SQR(A/↑)                    :rem 220
170 PRINT "{DOWN}RADIUS = ";R     :rem 12
180 PRINT "{3 DOWN}ANOTHER CIRCLE? (Y/N)
    {SPACE}";                     :rem 1
190 GET A$                        :rem 223
200 IF A$="Y" THEN 100            :rem 32
210 IF A$<>"N" THEN 190           :rem 92
220 PRINT A$                      :rem 134
230 END                           :rem 108
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ABS(X) is a function that returns the absolute value of a number X. The absolute value of a number is the numeric value without regard for the sign. The absolute value of a negative number is the number without the minus sign. Some valid statements are:

```
10 A=ABS(Y)                       :rem 95
20 IF ABS(SC)=100 THEN 350        :rem 67
30 T=T+ABS(T1-T2)                 :rem 210
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```
10 I=INT(X/Y)                              :rem 3
30 J=J+INT(A)                             :rem 220
50 ON INT(S) GOSUB 200,250,270            :rem 43
```

SGN(X) returns the sign of a number X. The value will be 1 for positive numbers, 0 for zero, and −1 for negative numbers. This function is useful in games where the position of an object may be positive, negative, or zero in relationship to another object. The score could also be tested with the SGN function. Valid statements are:

```
10 S=SGN(X-Y)                              :rem 8
20 ON SGN(SC-T) GOTO 150,370,370 :rem 170
40 IF SGN(R)=-1 THEN 430                  :rem 223
```

The following program illustrates the absolute value function, integer function, and sign function for several numbers.

```
100 PRINT "{CLR}NUMBER{3 SPACES}ABS
    {2 SPACES}INT{2 SPACES}SGN"   :rem 103
110 FOR I=1 TO 7                   :rem 10
120 READ N                        :rem 253
130 PRINT N;TAB(8);ABS(N);TAB(14);INT(N);
    TAB(19);SGN(N)                :rem 214
140 NEXT I                         :rem 29
150 DATA 3.4,0,0.6,-2.1,-5,7.2,-5.3
                                  :rem 139
160 END                           :rem 110
```

The VIC-20 and Commodore 64 have several built-in trigonometric functions. Specify a number, numeric variable, or numeric expression within the parentheses (called the "argument" of the function).

SIN(X) returns the sine of an angle specified as X radians.

COS(X) returns the cosine of an angle specified as X radians.

TAN(X) returns the tangent of an angle specified as X radians.

ATN(X) returns the arctangent of a number X. Arctangent is the angle with the tangent of X. The angle will be expressed in radians.

When you are working with angles, remember that the computer uses angles expressed in radians. Since 180 degrees equals pi radians, you can convert D number of degrees to R radians with R = D* π/180. The conversion from radians to degrees is D = R*180/π.

If you need some of the other trigonometric functions, remember these conversions.

Cotangent (X) = cosine(X)/sine(X) or 1/tangent(X)

Secant(X) = 1/cosine(X)

Cosecant(X) = 1/sine(X)

Some functions are not defined for certain angles (such as the tangent of 90 degrees), and you need to be careful of overflow conditions or division by zero for the reciprocal functions.

The programs following this column illustrate the use of these trigonometric functions. Enter an angle expressed in degrees, D. Line 170 converts the degrees to radians. The sine, cosine, tangent, cotangent, secant, and cosecant of the angle are printed.

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```
10 PRINT LOG(X/Y)                          :rem 1
20 A=EXP(B)                               :rem 96
50 G=LOG(H)-LOG(I)                        :rem 13
70 IF EXP(F)>=50 THEN 200                 :rem 27
```

If the computer does not have a built-in function that you need, you can define your own function. The definition procedure is useful if you have a long mathematical formula that is used several places in the program. You can save computer memory and typing time by defining the function at the beginning of the program, then every time you need the function, it is called by the function name.

To define a function, use DEF FN with a variable name (one or two letters long) including a variable name within parentheses. For example,

```
10 DEF FNG(X)=3*X*X+4*X+2
```

Here a function G(X) is defined with a formula. Later in the program you can use a statement such as

```
50 PRINT FNG(7)
```

and G(X) will be evaluated with X = 7.

The definition statement needs to be executed before the function is used in the program, so it is a good idea to put all definitions at the beginning of the program.

The above example used a function dependent upon a variable X. The defined formula does not have to contain a variable. For example, we could define a function R(Y) as follows.

```
10 DEF FNR(Y)=INT(8*RND(1))+1          :rem 93
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R(Y) is defined as a random number from 1 to 8.

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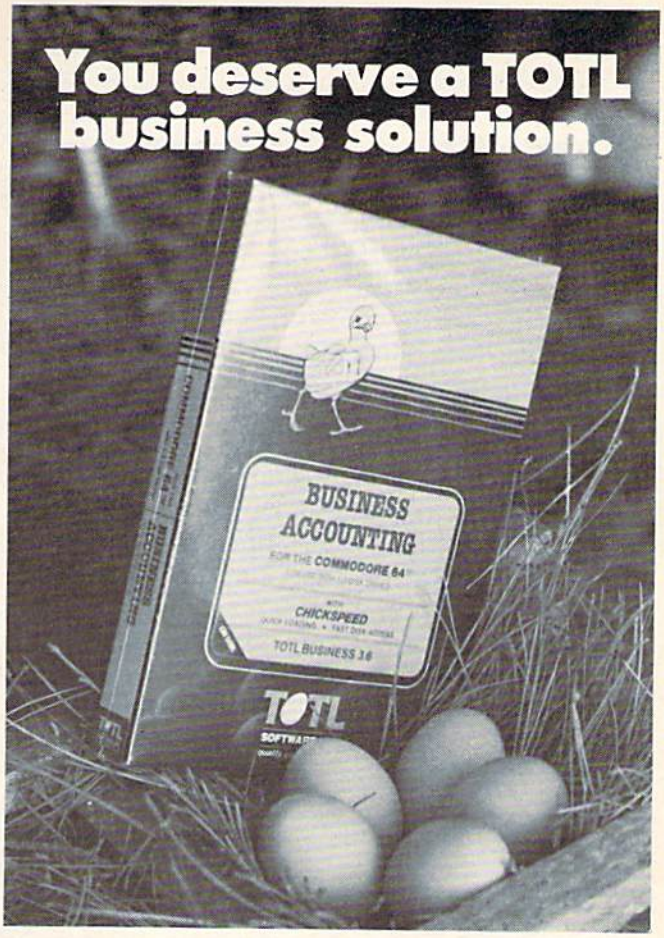

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```
50 C=R(Y)                              :rem 225
80 A=R(Y)+R(Y)                          :rem 9
90 IF R(Y)>4 THEN X=2                  :rem 92
```

A defined function may combine other functions, such as

```
10 DEF FNF(X)=1-SIN(X)                 :rem 225
```

You can see that by using user-defined functions you can really customize your programs and make technical calculations less complicated.

I hope this discussion of the built-in numeric functions and the user-defined functions has shown you the powerful potential of your "home" computer. Technical applications which used to be possible only with large computers or with hours of calculation time are now possible with a combination of built-in functions on our home computers. In a later column I'll discuss the versatility of the string functions available on the VIC and 64.

Angles (VIC Version)

```
100 PRINT "{CLR}** ANGLES **"          :rem 87
110 PRINT "{DOWN}ENTER ANGLE IN DEGREES"
                                       :rem 239
120 INPUT "D = ";D                     :rem 103
130 IF D>=0 THEN 160                   :rem 216
140 PRINT "SORRY, 0<D<360"             :rem 182
150 GOTO 110                            :rem 97
160 IF D>360 THEN 140                    :rem 5
170 R=D*↑/180                          :rem 92
180 PRINT "EQUIVALENT RADIANS = ",R
                                       :rem 37
190 PRINT "SINE OF ANGLE =",SIN(R)
                                      :rem 140
200 PRINT "COSINE OF ANGLE =",COS(R)
                                       :rem 17
210 IF D=90 THEN T$="INFINITY":GOTO 240
                                      :rem 167
220 IF D=270 THEN T$="INFINITY":GOTO 240
                                      :rem 216
230 T$=STR$(TAN(R))                     :rem 62
240 PRINT "TANGENT OF ANGLE = ",T$:rem 85
250 IF T$="INFINITY" THEN C$="0":GOTO 280
                                      :rem 221
260 IF TAN(R)=0 THEN C$="INFINITY":GOTO 2
    80                                :rem 168
270 C$=STR$(1/TAN(R))                 :rem 145
280 PRINT "COTANGENT OF ANGLE = ",C$
                                      :rem 218
290 IF COS(R)=0 THEN S$="INFINITY":GOTO 3
    10                                :rem 183
300 S$=STR$(1/COS(R))                 :rem 157
310 PRINT "SECANT OF ANGLE = ",S$:rem 255
320 IF D=0 OR D=180 OR D=360 THEN CS$="IN
    FINITY":GOTO 340                   :rem 41
330 CS$=STR$(1/SIN(R))                :rem 232
340 PRINT "COSECANT OF ANGLE = ",CS$
                                      :rem 215
350 PRINT "{DOWN}ANOTHER ANGLE? (Y/N)"
                                       :rem 88
360 GET A$                            :rem 222
370 IF A$="Y" THEN 100                 :rem 40
380 IF A$<>"N" THEN 360                :rem 99
390 PRINT A$                          :rem 142
400 END                               :rem 107
```

Angles (64 Version)

```
100 PRINT "{CLR}** ANGLES **"          :rem 87
110 PRINT "{DOWN}ENTER ANGLE IN DEGREES"
                                       :rem 239
120 INPUT "D = ";D                     :rem 103
130 IF D>=0 THEN 160                   :rem 216
140 PRINT "SORRY, 0<D<360"             :rem 182
150 GOTO 110                            :rem 97
160 IF D>360 THEN 140                    :rem 5
170 R=D*↑/180                          :rem 92
180 PRINT "{DOWN}EQUIVALENT RADIANS = ";R
                                       :rem 69
190 PRINT "{DOWN}SINE OF ANGLE =";SIN(R)
                                      :rem 172
200 PRINT "{DOWN}COSINE OF ANGLE =";COS(R
    )                                  :rem 49
210 IF D=90 THEN T$="INFINITY":GOTO 240
                                      :rem 167
220 IF D=270 THEN T$="INFINITY":GOTO 240
                                      :rem 216
230 T$=STR$(TAN(R))                     :rem 62
240 PRINT "{DOWN}TANGENT OF ANGLE = ";T$
                                      :rem 117
250 IF T$="INFINITY" THEN C$="0":GOTO 280
                                      :rem 221
260 IF TAN(R)=0 THEN C$="INFINITY":GOTO 2
    80                                :rem 168
270 C$=STR$(1/TAN(R))                 :rem 145
280 PRINT "{DOWN}COTANGENT OF ANGLE = ";C
    $                                 :rem 250
290 IF COS(R)=0 THEN S$="INFINITY":GOTO 3
    10                                :rem 183
300 S$=STR$(1/COS(R))                 :rem 157
310 PRINT "{DOWN}SECANT OF ANGLE = ";S$
                                       :rem 31
320 IF D=0 OR D=180 OR D=360 THEN CS$="IN
    FINITY":GOTO 340                   :rem 41
330 CS$=STR$(1/SIN(R))                :rem 232
340 PRINT "{DOWN}COSECANT OF ANGLE = ";CS
    $                                 :rem 247
350 PRINT "{3 DOWN}ANOTHER ANGLE? (Y/N)"
                                      :rem 122
360 GET A$                            :rem 222
370 IF A$="Y" THEN 100                 :rem 40
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390 PRINT A$                          :rem 142
400 END                               :rem 107
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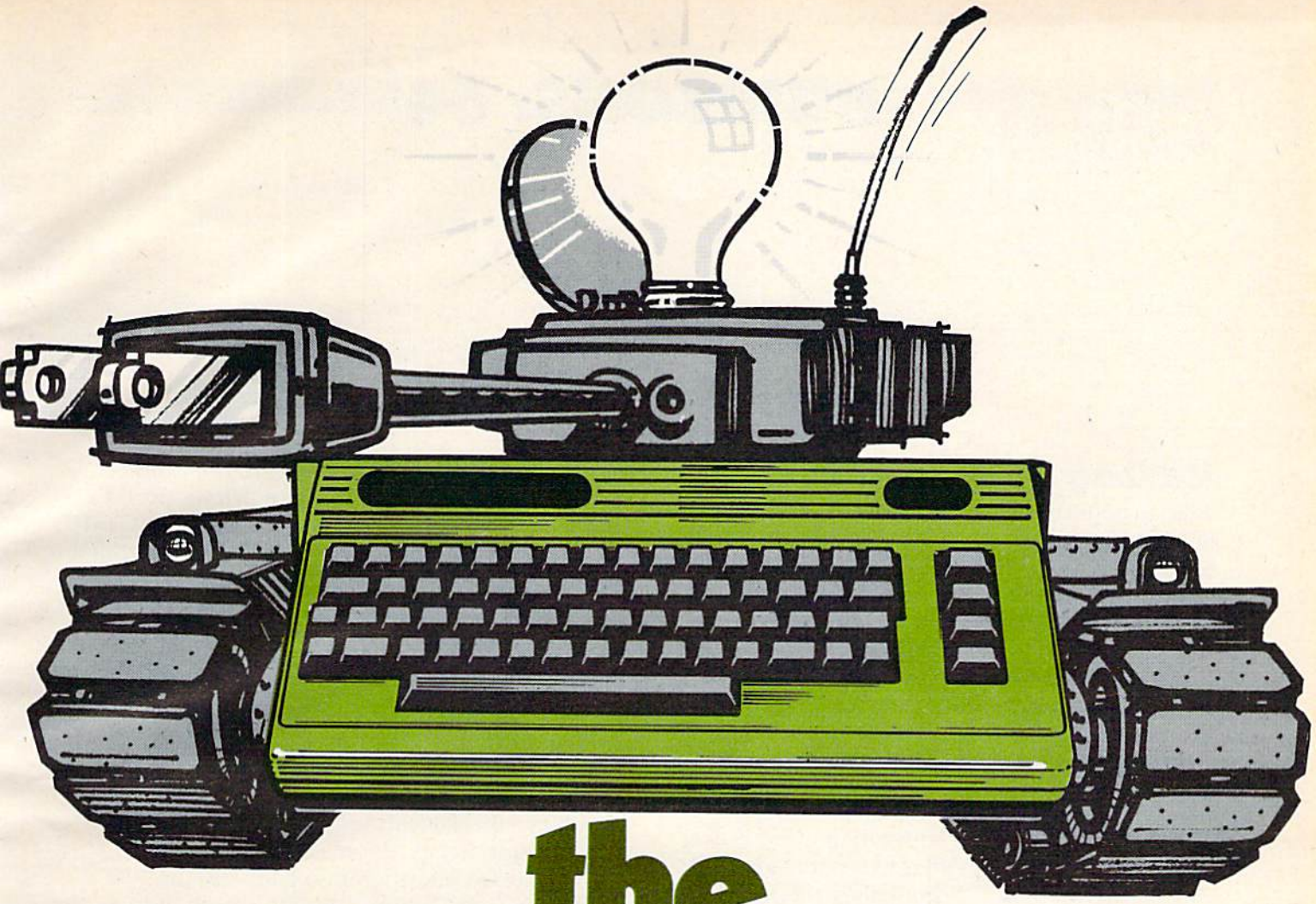

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Mailbag

Time to bounce back some of the ideas and suggestions you've sent me. In talking about Commodore 64 video, I mentioned that the new 8-pin 64s have improved video clarity, but said that there are no functions assigned to the additional pins (previous 64s had five-pin plugs for audio/video).

J. Robinson of Santa Monica, California, differs. He's rigged up a cable using an 8-pin DIN plug (sorry, Radio Shack doesn't carry them) with the chroma (color) signal coming from pin 8. Normally, chroma is slightly distorted by the luminance mixed with it, but the signal from pin 8 is pure, and the picture is better than ever, as evidenced by some color slides Mr. Robinson sent me. If you can find an 8-pin DIN plug, try it out. By the way, DIN stands for Deutsche Industre Norm (German Industrial Standard).

We've received some letters about the Automatic Proofreader, asking how the checksum is computed on each line. We send program listings to a disk, then run our Lister program, which reads the programs straight from the disk and formats the listings with cursor controls and graphics spelled out.

In addition, the Lister automatically generates the ":rem" checksums by adding together the ASCII values of all the characters in the line. The reason that the numbers are never larger than 255 is that the addition is done internally in only 8 bits, so it will wrap around from 255 to zero (like an odometer past 99999) if the sum is too large. That's why some numbers for long lines are smaller than other numbers for short lines. It all depends where the number wraps around.

Printer Interfaces

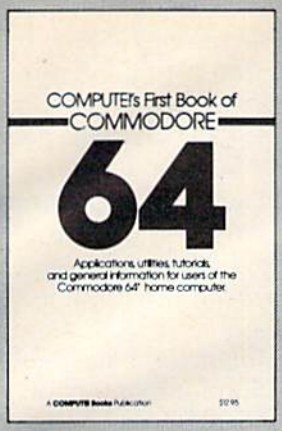
A few issues back, columnist Larry Isaacs talked about a parallel printer interface by CardCo called Card/Print (also written as "Card/?"). We've used this interface here and have been generally pleased with its performance, although it will not translate certain 64 control codes in the listing mode. Another interface I've been using is the Tymac Connection. Unlike the Card/Print, the Connection is set up specifically for your printer (ROM chips are available for several printers). The Card/Print will work with almost any Centronics parallel printer, but the Connection uses the graphics capabilities of your Epson, Prowriter, or other dot-matrix graphics printer.

The Connection offers "almost total emulation" of the VIC printers, such as the 1525. In the emulation mode, it will respond identically to the control codes the VIC printer uses, such as dot graphics, elongated/normal text, cursor-up mode, cursor-down mode, and more. You can therefore use all the special features of your printer (high-quality print, italics, double-strike, etc.) and still be able to run programs specific to the VIC printers, such as high-resolution screen dumps.

In addition, the Connection uses your printer's dot graphics capabilities to actually print the built-in graphics characters on the keyboard. Program listings with graphics symbols will appear as they do on the screen. Unfortunately, the graphics characters are formed rather strangely. Characters which should connect, such as Commodore Q and SHIFT-asterisk, do not. The cursor symbols are hard to read. The Connection also cannot reproduce reverse-video text, since your printer's normal character set is used for alphanumerics. But support for graphics is better than no graphics symbols at all.

The Connection has a listing mode, though it cannot interpret some characters. There is also a "transparent" mode, where it just sends the characters along without any interpretation. This is what you would do with some word processing programs. Unlike the Card/Print, there is no way to "lock" in any one mode.

Hardware-wise, the Connection has a 6502 microprocessor with RAM, ROM, and a printer port. How strange to buy another computer for your 64. It has enough RAM to serve as a 2K printer buffer. With a buffer, characters coming from the computer are stored until the printer can "catch up." If you sent something less than 2K long, it would be instantly printed from the computer's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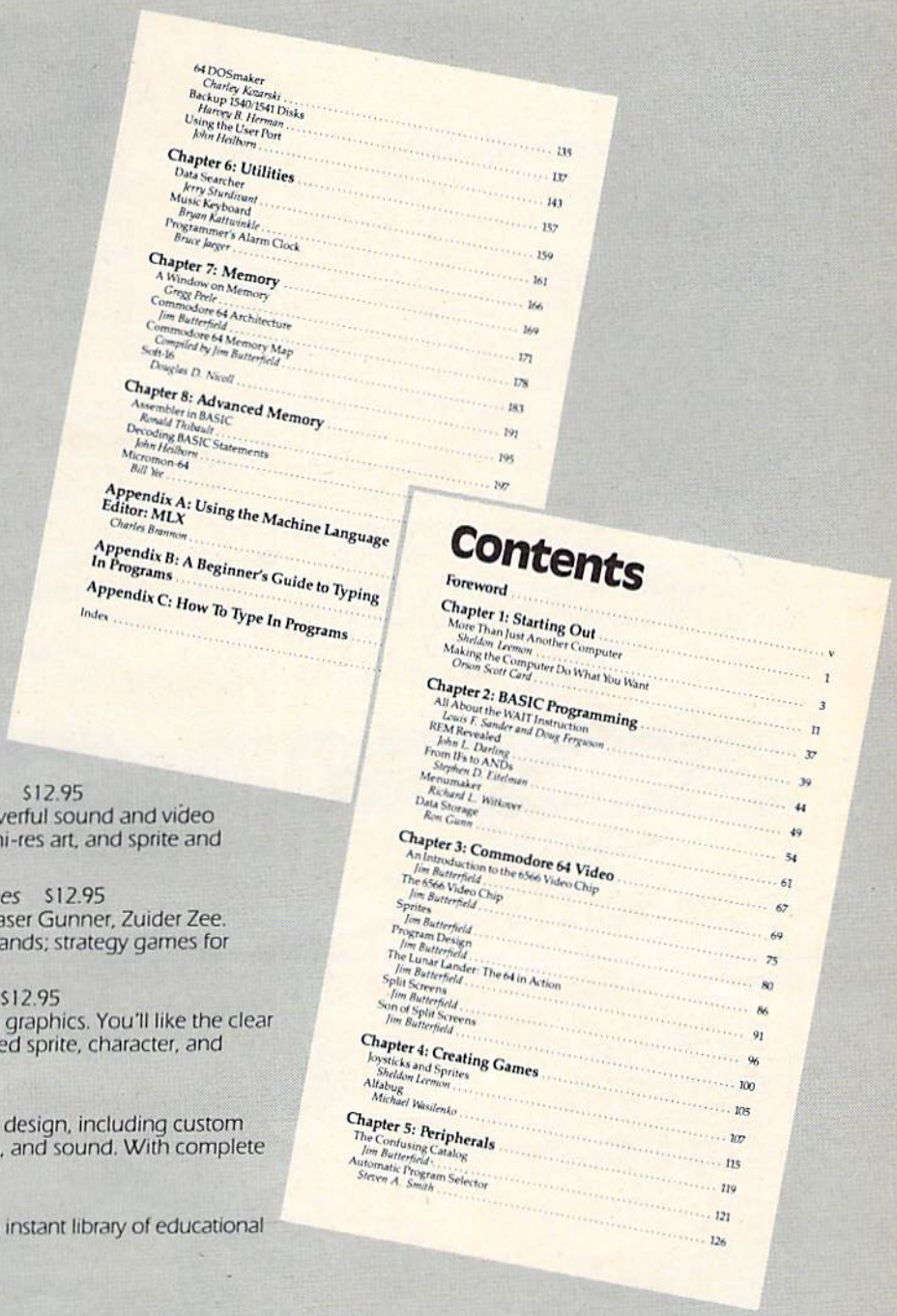

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point of view. The buffer would meanwhile be feeding characters to the printer at the printer's speed. My printer has a 2K buffer, so the combination of the printer and the Connection gives me an effective 4K of buffer space.

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Strange Lock-Up Bug

It may have happened to you. It's extremely frustrating, and totally unexpected. Fortunately, it's predictable, hence preventable. Go down to the bottom of the screen (the very bottom, the last line, scroll if you have to). Now start typing. Anything. You could just type a bunch of X's. Keep typing as you wrap around the right margin on the first line, then stop right after you type past the right margin of the second 40-column line (the screen will scroll). Now press the INST/DEL key (unSHIFTed) to erase the last character on the previous line.

Whoa! Suddenly, the command LOAD is printed, you get a ?SYNTAX ERROR, the word RUN appears, and if you had a program in memory, it starts. Who typed SHIFT-RUN/STOP?

This is not a trivial error. If you had a program running, you can't stop it. If not, the cursor appears to be flashing merrily, and all seems well. Try typing. Worry begins to creep into your mind as no characters appear. You reach for the panacea of RUN/STOP-RESTORE. Panic sets in when this does nothing, and you press it over and over again, pounding and smashing at the keyboard in a frantic attempt to regain control. Too bad. You have to reach for the power switch and turn your computer off. RAM is wiped clean. Your program, if any, is gone.

I don't know what causes this error. One theory is that when the 64 tries to scroll color memory, it reaches one line too many past $DBE7 (end of color memory) and mangles the registers of the CIA chip, which controls all interrupts. There is no way around it, other than the emergency reset I covered last month. Just keep it in mind.

Hope you enjoy the word processor in this issue. Since it is a complex software product, we'll use this column in the future as a forum for answering your questions about it, as well as tips for using it.

I'll leave you with something to play with: extended background color mode. Enter it with POKE 53265,PEEK(53265)OR64 and try typing the letter "A", SHIFT-A, then CTRL-9 (reverse on), and inverse video "A" and SHIFTED-A again. See what conclusions you come up with, and try changing memory locations 53282 and 53283.

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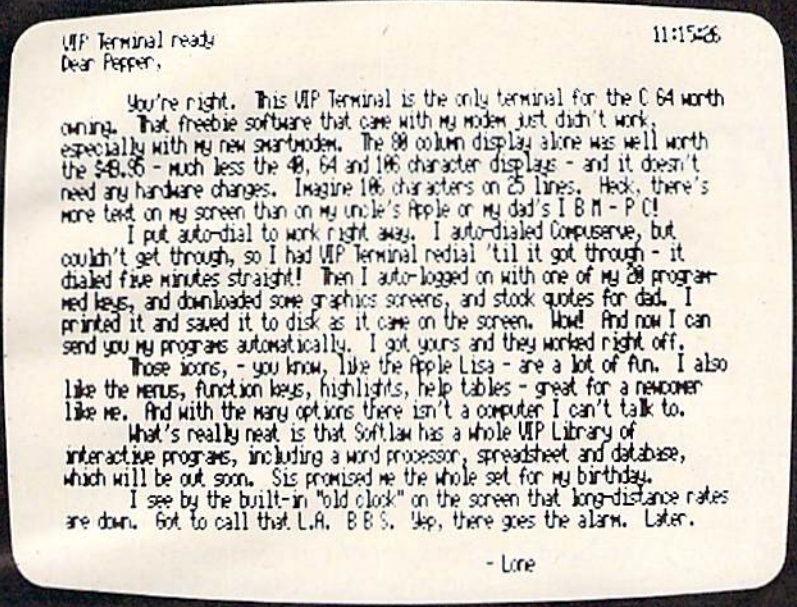
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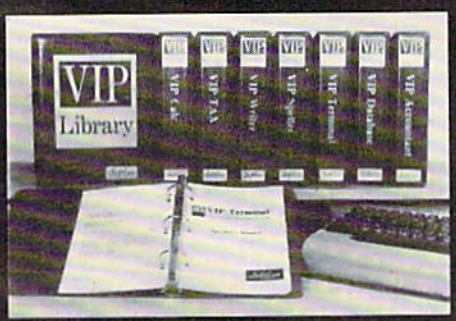

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Using The Dynamic Keyboard

The *dynamic keyboard* is a useful programming technique that can be used with both the VIC-20 and the 64. This technique enables you to POKE values into the *keyboard buffer* and "fool" the computer into thinking you typed the command from the keyboard. It can be used to do everything from simply running a program to chain-loading programs from tape or disk.

The Keyboard Buffer

The keyboard buffer is a block of memory ten bytes (characters) long that runs from memory addresses 631 to 640. The buffer is a temporary holding area that is used to store data input from the keyboard. If you could type faster than the VIC could read the keyboard (it does this 60 times a second), you could fill up the keyboard buffer. Obviously you can't type this fast, but there are other times the computer's operating system does use the keyboard buffer to temporarily store data. If a BASIC program is running and is at a stage where it is not ready to accept data input from the keyboard (a FOR/NEXT time-delay loop, for example), the keys that are pressed will be temporarily stored in the buffer until the program is ready to process the data. To see how this happens, enter the following line in the direct mode, press RETURN, and while the FOR/NEXT loop is running type the following ten keys: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0.

```
FOR A=1 TO 10000: NEXT
```

As you can see, while the time-delay loop is running, the keys you pressed are not displayed on the screen. As soon as the loop is finished, the computer reads what is stored in the keyboard buffer and processes the data accordingly and prints it on the screen. Now enter the above FOR/NEXT statement again, and while it is running type the following 12 keys: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2. When the loop is finished, you will see the same ten keys displayed on the screen as before. But what happened to the two extra keys that were pressed, the 1 and 2? Those keys were lost because the keyboard buffer, which runs from 631 to 640, can hold a maximum of ten characters. Any keys that are pressed after the buffer is filled are lost.

The Other Keyboard Buffer Byte

You may wonder how the operating system knows that there is data in the keyboard buffer waiting to be processed. Memory address 198 tells the computer how many characters are in the keyboard buffer ready to be processed. Each time you pressed a key while the computer was executing the above time-delay loop, memory location 198 was incremented by 1. After the loop finished running, the operating system took a look at location 198 (which had a value of ten) and knew that there were ten characters in the buffer waiting to be processed. Enter the following commands in the immediate mode, then while the FOR/NEXT loop is running, type 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0.

```
FOR A=1TO10000:NEXTA:POKE 198,0
```

After the loop is finished, you'll notice that our ten characters were not printed on the screen. The reason is that after we came out of the loop we POKEd 198 with a 0. Even though our ten characters *were* in the cassette buffer, the operating system didn't print them as it did before. When we POKEd a value of zero into 198, we told the computer no characters were waiting in the buffer.

Using The Dynamic Keyboard

The keyboard buffer can be a very useful tool when properly used. For example, did you know that when you "chain-load" programs (the first program automatically loading and running the second, the second loading the third, and so on) the

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first program has to be longer than the second? That's because of the variables. The start of BASIC variables always stays just past the end of your BASIC program. When you chain-load programs, any variables that are used in the first program are stored a few bytes past the end of BASIC. If the second program in the chain is longer, it will write over these variables, and all their values will be lost. To illustrate this, enter the following two short programs and save them to tape with the filenames specified below. Be sure to save the second program with the filename "TEST.LOAD.2" right after the first program (use the filename TEST.LOAD.1).

TEST.LOAD.1

```
10 A=10:B=20:C=30                    :rem 120
20 PRINT"{CLR}{DOWN} THIS IS PROGRAM 1"
                                     :rem 244
30 FORT=1TO500:NEXT                  :rem 189
40 LOAD"TEST.LOAD.2"                 :rem 182
```

TEST.LOAD.2

```
10 PRINT" THIS IS A DUMMY LINE"   :rem 251
15 PRINT" THIS IS A DUMMY LINE"     :rem 0
20 PRINT" THIS IS A DUMMY LINE"   :rem 252
25 PRINT" THIS IS A DUMMY LINE"     :rem 1
30 PRINT" THIS IS A DUMMY LINE"   :rem 253
35 PRINT" THIS IS A DUMMY LINE"     :rem 2
40 PRINT" THIS IS A DUMMY LINE"   :rem 254
50 PRINT"{CLR}{DOWN} THIS IS PROGRAM 2"
                                     :rem 248
60 PRINT"A=";A;"B=";B;"C=";C         :rem 41
```

As you can see, the first program sets three variables (A, B, and C), PRINTs a quick message to the screen, then LOADs in the second program, which prints a few messages to the screen (we made it longer here for our demonstration). It then prints the variables A, B, and C that were set during the first program. Note that the printed variable values are zeros, even though we initially set them at 10, 20, and 30, respectively.

What's the answer? The dynamic keyboard, of course. Change the last line (line 40) in the first program to read:

```
40 POKE 631,131 : POKE 198,1
```

Then reSAVE it using the same filename, and RUN it again. For our demonstration, this modification will work only with cassette. Save this modified version to tape, and be sure to save another copy of the second program right after it.

If you changed line 40 and saved both programs correctly, you'll notice that the first program successfully called in and ran the second, even though we removed the LOAD command in line 40.

This is accomplished by the two POKEs we used in line 40. POKE 631,131 places the token for SHIFT-RUN into the keyboard buffer. When you press SHIFT and RUN on the keyboard to LOAD and RUN a tape program, this character (131) is placed in the buffer. Jot this down; you probably won't find it in your *VIC-20 Programmer's Reference Guide*. We POKEd the SHIFT-RUN into location 631, the first byte of the keyboard buffer, because the buffer is of the FIFO (first in—first out) type. That is, when you press a key on the keyboard, the operating system places it in the first byte of the buffer; when ready to be processed, this will be the first character pulled out.

The other POKE we made in line 40 was POKE 198,1. This tells the operating system that there is one character in the buffer waiting to be processed. As soon as the 1 was POKEd into 198, the operating system was fooled into thinking you had typed SHIFT-RUN from the keyboard, and the computer LOADed and ran the next program.

The obvious drawback here is that it will only LOAD and RUN the next program *on tape*. This is because the POKEs we used did not specify a filename. So when using this method of chain-loading, be sure the programs are saved one after the other.

You'll notice that we still have a problem passing variables because of the longer length of the second program. There is another technique which can easily solve that.

Using The Buffer And The Screen

Delete line 40 from the first program and add the following lines:

```
32 PRINT"{CLR}{2 DOWN}LOAD"          :rem 11
40 PRINT"{6 DOWN}5 A=";A;":B=";B;":C=";C;
                                     :rem 113
45 PRINT"RUN"                        :rem 47
50 POKE631,19:FORA=632TO636:POKEA,13:NEXT
   :POKE198,6                        :rem 96
```

As before, SAVE it to tape and reSAVE the second program right after it. Now RUN the first program and see what happens. Be sure to leave the cassette PLAY button pressed down after the first program is loaded.

This time we've successfully passed our variable values from the first program to the second. Here's how we did it.

Line 32 clears the screen (which also moves the cursor to the HOME position). It then moves the cursor down two lines, and prints the word LOAD. Line 40 shows how we pass our variables from one program to another. It prints a line on the screen that looks like (and is) a BASIC statement: the number 5 (the BASIC line number) and the variables A=, B=, and C=. It then prints the current value of these variables, in this case 10, 20, and 30, respectively. Line 45 prints the word RUN and starts our second program.

Line 50 is the key to it all. The first POKE (POKE 631,19) places the value 19 into the first byte of the keyboard buffer. In this case, the ASCII

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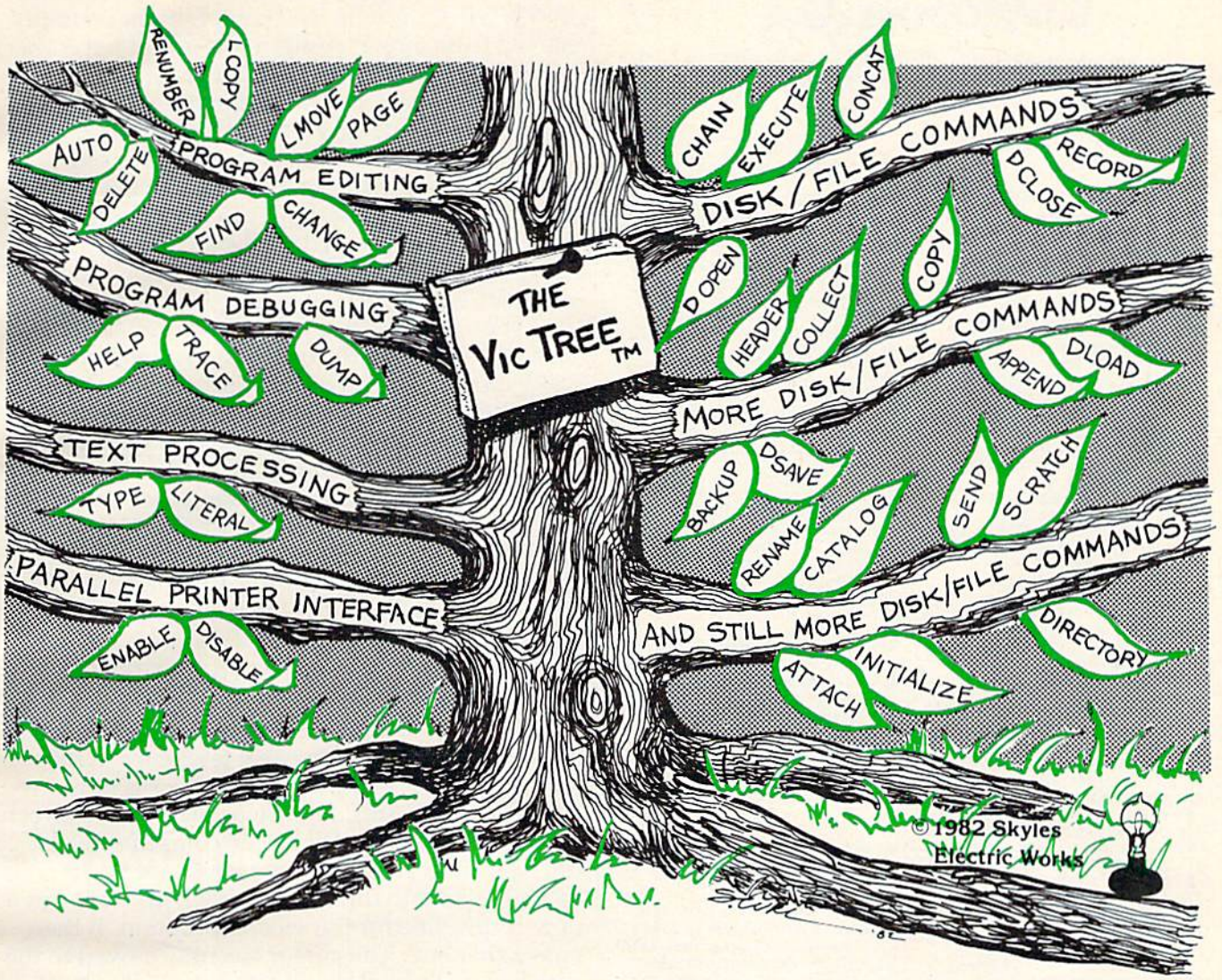

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value of 19 is the control character which stands for HOME CURSOR. The cursor, then, is simply moved to the home position (the upper-left corner) without clearing the screen. The next five POKEs we make to the keyboard buffer are the same (a value of 13), and are done with a FOR/NEXT loop. The ASCII value of 13 is the control character which represents the RETURN key. POKE 198,6 fools the operating system into thinking that six keys have been pressed on the keyboard. The computer starts processing these commands, and away we go. Here's what happens.

The value of 19 moves the cursor to the HOME position, and then the operating system automatically moves it down one more line. The cursor is now sitting on top of the word LOAD we printed on the screen. The next character in the keyboard buffer is a 13, which stands for RETURN. We've fooled the computer into thinking that we typed the word LOAD and then pressed RETURN. The system now loads in the next program on the tape. While the computer is loading the program, the processing of data in the keyboard buffer is temporarily suspended.

After the LOAD has been completed (we now have the second program in BASIC memory), the operating system continues reading data from the keyboard buffer. The next few bytes in the buffer stand for RETURN. The cursor is now sitting on the BASIC line we printed on the screen in the first program. When the computer reads the next value of 13 from the keyboard buffer, it is again fooled into thinking we have just typed in a new BASIC line for the second program. It then enters that line. The cursor has now moved to the next line on the screen, which reads RUN. Reading another 13 from the buffer, it thinks we typed RUN from the keyboard and pressed RETURN, and away it goes with the second program.

Many Different Techniques

The above techniques could have been accomplished a number of different ways using the keyboard buffer and the screen. Just remember one important fact. In most cases, when the computer reads data from the buffer, it thinks it was entered directly from the keyboard. Almost anything you can do from the keyboard can be done from the keyboard buffer. As a matter of fact, you could probably create a computer program itself by POKEing various values into the buffer.

Experiment with this technique and I'm sure you'll find a useful application for it.

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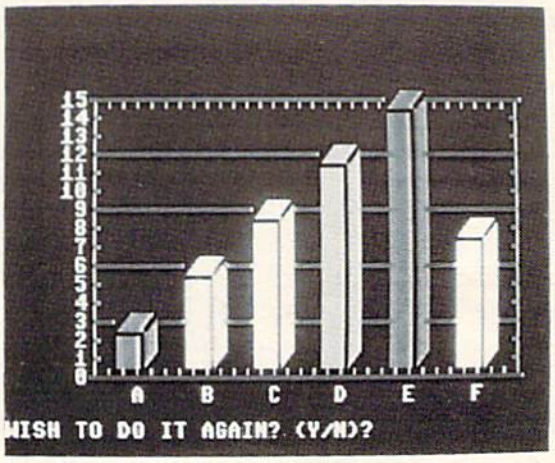
Graph Plotter

Ruth A. Hicks

Not only is "Graph Plotter" an interesting tool for drawing 3-D columnar charts, but the accompanying article takes you step by step through the program itself so you can learn how it was written. The program originally was designed for the Commodore 64, and we've added a version for the unexpanded VIC-20.



3-D bar graphs are a snap with "Graph Plotter" (64 version).

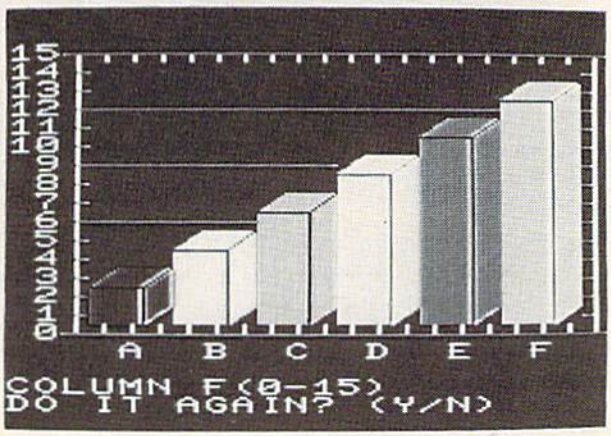
"Graph Plotter" is a good demonstration of what beginning programmers can accomplish in the way of graphics on the Commodore 64 and VIC-20. Different graphics techniques were used to create this program. By reading this article and following along with the program listing, you can increase your knowledge of graphics formatting. Of course, if you're not into learning programming, there's no reason why you can't just type in the program listing anyway.

Graph Plotter creates attractive bar graphs with three-dimensional columns. The graphs are particularly exciting in color. There are six columns, each a different color, to which you assign a value from 0 to 15 for the column height. You tell the computer what values each column has, and then you can interpret their meaning.

Modular Programming

Graph Plotter was written with a technique known as *modular* or *block programming*. This means a section at a time was written on the computer and then checked for eye appeal, function, and (of course) that familiar message, "?SYNTAX ERROR." There are five main blocks to this program.

When typing the program, I suggest that you omit unnecessary spaces except in any INPUT or PRINT statements between quotation marks. All



The VIC-20 version of "Graph Plotter."

other spaces are not needed by the computer and only consume more memory. Since this is an article to learn from, let's start some good habits right away by not typing those useless spaces.

Block One

Block one, lines 100-180, creates the graph, including the segments and the outlining border. Instead of using line after line of PRINT statements, we'll be POKEing the information directly into memory inside FOR/NEXT loops.

Line 100 clears the screen and sets the background color to black and the border blue. Line 110 starts the top border on the Commodore 64 at screen memory location 1230 and runs it across the screen to location 1261, drawing a continuous line (these addresses are 7726 to 7745 on the VIC). Refer to the manual which came with your computer for the "Screen and Color Memory Maps." Each time the FOR/NEXT loop is executed, it places the new value of I into the POKE statement with the symbol number 114 (refer to your manual, "Screen Display Codes"). The I value tells the computer *where* to put the symbol and the 114 tells *what* symbol to put in that spot.

The second POKE in line 110 colors the symbol green. Since the "Color Memory Map" (see manual) corresponds to the screen memory map, only with a different set of numbers, all we have to do is calculate the offset. The difference between 55296 and 1024 (the starting address of color and screen memory in the Commodore 64) is 54272, a simple subtraction problem. So, we POKE I+54272 with the color code for green (5) and presto, we have a green symbol at the correct location! The same thing works on the VIC-20, except the offset between screen and color memory is 30720 instead of 54272.

Line 120 draws the left border, beginning at screen memory location 1270 and ending at location 1790 on the Commodore 64 (7748 to 8034 on the VIC). The STEP 40 is used because a Commodore 64 has 40 characters per line across its screen (STEP 22 for the VIC). If you look at your manual and find screen location 1270, then add 40, you'll find that location 1310 is exactly one line below 1270. On the VIC, 7748+22 adds one screen line. The rest of line 120 and the next two lines are similar to lines 110 and 120, except for different screen symbol codes.

The last four lines (150-180) in this section were constructed in the same manner, using FOR-NEXT loops to POKE information directly into screen memory. These lines draw continuous lines on the graph, making it more readable.

Designations

Block two of the program prints a series of numbers on the left side of the graph and letter designations for each of the six columns. Line 190 positions the following PRINT statement at the right spot horizontally so the numbers can be displayed along the left side of the graph. We want the numbers to start at the fourth space right of the border, so we place a SPC(4) after the PRINT, and then place the number to be printed inside quotation marks.

So, lines 190 through 220 label the Y-axis with a sequence of numbers from 15 to 0. Notice that between each colon is a complete PRINT statement, and even though they are all crunched together in only four program lines with *no spaces*, they result in 16 lines of vertical display. Also, notice that with one-digit numbers the SPC() statement is increased from four to five in the Commodore 64 version for proper placement.

The last line of this section (230) puts letter designations along the bottom of the graph beneath the columns. Notice there is only one PRINT since this line is displayed horizontally. In the Commodore 64 version, the first letter is positioned with TAB(9) and the following letters are all equally spread with SPC(4) statements. Again, because of the VIC's smaller screen size, a TAB(4) and SPC(2) statement are used to position the letters properly.

READ-DATA Block

In the third block of the program (lines 240 to 300), DATA is READ that will be used in a later routine to position each vertical bar on the graph and decide its color. Line 240 prevents this DATA from being reREAD unnecessarily with any subsequent passes through the program.

The first statement that READs DATA in this section is in line 260. Here, a READ command is contained in a FOR-NEXT loop so it is executed six times. This causes six strings, representing the six column labels (A,B,C,D,E,F) to be READ and set equal to the string array variable, A$(I).

In line 280, a second set of DATA is READ and assigned to D(I). This string array variable denotes the color code for each vertical bar on the graph.

The last group of DATA in this block is READ from line 300. The values taken from line 290 are the screen memory addresses necessary to properly locate each bar on the graph.

The use of arrays in this section significantly shortens the length of the program. Instead of requiring six separate blocks of code to locate and draw each vertical bar, we will now be able to perform this in one routine.

Input Block

The fourth block of the program (lines 310-420) is the INPUT routine. Notice that that much of this routine is contained within a FOR/NEXT loop

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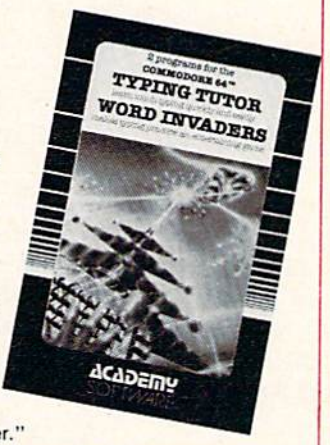

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(lines 310–370).

In this loop, you are asked what value you want for each column. The value that you INPUT determines the height of each vertical bar. Your response is checked in line 360 to make sure it is within the limits of 0 and 15.

After INPUTting the height of each column, the screen memory address (A) for the top of the column is determined by the first statement in line 370.

Here's how it works: A(J) was set as a starting screen location in the first line, then AA (the response) is multiplied by 40, because our screen is 40 characters across (22 for the VIC version). Then AA times 40 (or 22) is subtracted from A(J), because the columns are drawn upward. So, if the response is 10, the column rises 10 segments high. Then 80 (or 44 on the VIC) is added to A to bring it down two rows so we have room for our three-dimensional side. Program execution is then transferred to the subroutine at line 430, which actually draws each column on the graph.

In the process, the variables necessary to this subroutine are passed. The variable C defined in 310 is the offset between the screen memory map and the color memory map as explained above. The actual color of each column (variable D) and the starting screen location of each column, or variable X, are also transferred.

Once a column has been drawn, the user's previous INPUT is erased in line 320 by POKEing blank spaces into this area of screen memory. If you didn't do this, the prior answer, of course, would remain on the screen.

Line 320 enables you to position a PRINT statement exactly where you want vertically without disrupting any printing already on the screen. The cursor is first HOMEd, and then a blank PRINT statement is placed inside a FOR-NEXT loop. As the loop is executed, starting at the HOME position, it counts down vertically to the maximum number set by the FOR-NEXT loop.

The next line is the INPUT statement, now in the right position to be printed. At the end of the INPUT statement is the variable AA, which receives whatever value you enter between the limits of 0 and 15. If the response is less than 0 or greater than 15, the computer erases the answer and asks the same question again.

Once all six vertical bars have been drawn, you will be asked in line 390 if you wish to do another bar graph. If you do, the program will start again at line 100. Otherwise, it will END in line 420.

The Subroutine

The heart of this program is the subroutine beginning at line 430. This is the block which draws the columns by POKEing symbols onto the screen.

Let's start explaining this section with lines 430 and 440. These two lines check to see if the value AA from the INPUT block is a 1 or 0. If AA = 1, the program branches to line 530, which draws the top of a column one segment high on the graph. When AA = 0, it is a null entry, and the program gets another INPUT.

Lines 470 and 480 begin to actually draw the columns, which are three characters wide. Reflecting back to the INPUT block, you'll recall that variables A and X were set for the starting point and top part of the column. So, by POKEing the screen memory locations with the desired character symbols in a FOR-NEXT loop, we can draw the columns to any height we've chosen. Notice there are three POKEs, I, I + 1, I + 2. Each addition to I moves its location over one spot to the right, yielding a three-character-wide column. The different screen display codes create a three-dimensional appearance with reversed characters. The program reverses the character codes by adding 128 to the symbol code (32 + 128 = 160, 101 + 128 = 229). Line 480 follows up line 470 with the color information by adding the color variables C and D to the same locations from line 470.

Lines 510-540 follow the same format as lines 470 and 480. They draw the three-dimensional top segments of the columns. Six character symbols and six color locations are POKEd into the appropriate locations with the variables A, C, and D. By adding or subtracting numbers from A, we can position the symbols on the row above or to the right.

Once this subroutine is completed, line 550 RETURNs to the INPUT block.

Formatting

By now, you should have "Graph Plotter" typed in and SAVEd on tape or disk. The difference between this program and others you have typed is that you now know exactly how it was programmed. Remember the techniques of using PRINT statements for displaying characters vertically and horizontally; of blank PRINT statements and SPC() commands for positioning INPUT or PRINT statements exactly where you want them; of directly placing symbols and colors onto the screen with POKEs and variables. In planning your own programs, use these techniques for your screen displays and see how handy and time-saving they can be for you.

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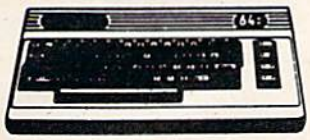

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You'll soon notice that most of your ML programming involves sending bytes around in the computer's memory. It's quite similar to PEEKing and POKEing, but you've got more options on how you *address* these bytes before you send them somewhere. Addressing bytes is like addressing a letter—you want it to get to its destination so you must write the destination on the letter. There are even ways to send the byte c/o another address, but we'll get to that in a minute. First, we need to review our all-ML game in terms of some addressing options we can use when writing an ML program.

A Cumbersome List

So far, our ML game can be divided into three sections (like subroutines). Let's use the 64 version, Program 2, as our example this month; it's essentially the same as the VIC version. The first section (from address 49152 through 49169) puts the number 8 into all the addresses of Color RAM memory. We usually have a choice of which ML *addressing mode* we want to use. We could have used the simplest mode, absolute addressing, and just listed every address we wanted to POKE the 8 into. It would have looked like this:

```
STA 55296
STA 55297
STA 55298
STA 55299 and so on
```

but that's pretty inefficient. We would have had to list a thousand addresses. Instead, we chose to do our POKEing within a loop. The Y register is quite useful for addressing things because it can be used as an *offset*. That is, you can address something so that the actual address you give is *added to whatever Y equals at the time*. This is a special form of absolute addressing called *absolute indexed* (you can use the X register this way too).

How does it work? First we set Y to equal zero (at 49152). Then we load the A register with our color value, 8. Then we have four STAs lined up, using the absolute indexed addressing mode. The first time the computer comes across this list, it will put 8 into 55296, 55552, 55808, and 56064. It will add Y to these addresses, but Y equals 0 this first pass through the loop. Then, we INY (raise it by one). The three registers (A,X, and Y) can only count up to 255; after that, they reset themselves to 0. So, when Y = 1 after the INY, the BNE instruction will "fail" and we'll branch back to 49156 for the second pass through the loop. We can't get past BNE until Y resets itself to zero—BNE means Branch Not Equal (to 0). And Y isn't yet reset to 0.

But, notice what happens the second time through the loop. Since Y now equals 1, we'll be putting our 8 into 55297, 55553, and so on. This storage of 8's continues until all the locations between 55296 and 56319 have been filled.

The Most Common ML Bug

The second section of our game (lines 49171 through 49184) is quite similar and makes use of the same addressing mode. But here we're drawing a horizontal line across the top and bottom of the screen. So, since the screen is only 40 bytes wide, we'll have to test Y (line 49182) to see if it's equal to 40. If not, we BNE back and continue the loop. There are several "B" instructions; all of them begin with the letter B and branch somewhere (if

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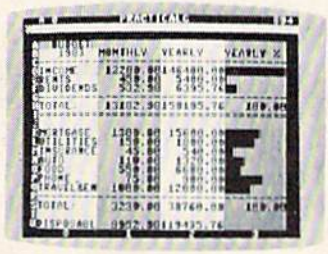

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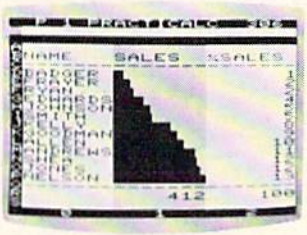

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conditions pass their test). BEQ means Branch if EQual to 0. We'll get to the others in the future. BEQ and BNE, though, are by far the most commonly used ones.

The other instructions here are also the most frequently used ML commands. STA (STore the A register), LDA (LoaD the A register), STY, LDY, CPY (ComPare Y), INY (raise Y register by 1; literally INcrement Y), DEY (reduce Y by 1, literally DEcrement Y), and their companion instructions (DEX, INX, LDX, STX, CPX) all operate according to the same rules (and set up flags for the "B" instructions to test and then decide whether or not to branch).

One other thing to notice here: The computer will always assume that you are loading *from an address* unless you specify otherwise. If you write LDA 15, the computer copies whatever is in address 15 into the A register. (Whatever was at address 15 remains there; only a copy of it is placed into the A register.) So, if you want to actually put the *number 15* itself into the A register, you must put a number sign in front of it: LDA #15. As you can see, we do this frequently in our program. But beware—the single most common source of ML bugs is forgetting to put in that # when you mean a number as such, or putting it in when you mean to get a copy of a number from some memory location in the computer.

Sending Something C/O

Now on to the new portion of our ML game (lines 49186 to the end). Here we are going to draw vertical lines down the sides of the screen, completing the frame for our game. To do this, we'll need to POKE the first address of screen RAM memory, then POKE the 39th (the top of the right-hand margin), then the 40th (the second space down on the left margin), then the 79th, and so on down. The easiest way to do this in ML is to send a character to the right side of the frame, add 1 to Y (INY) and send the character again, this time to the left side of the screen. Then we must add 40 to our address (22 on the VIC) to get over to the right side again.

As before, we'll set up a loop, but we first have to prepare two bytes in zero page (the first 250 memory cells of the computer). These two bytes will hold our addresses in a special way. We'll change the contents of these bytes as we go along, adding 40 (or 22). You can visualize these special bytes in zero page as a Ping-Pong paddle and, by shifting its angle, you can send the balls low or high or anywhere in between.

Working In The Real World

Our 6502 chip can send things to 65536 memory cells, but how can we store a number that large when each cell will only hold numbers up to 255? It's simple enough: We gang two bytes together to hold large numbers. Take a number like 1024, the start of the 64's screen memory RAM. Divide it by 256 and you get 4. So put that in one of the two bytes holding our number (call it the *most significant byte*, or MSB). Then put the remainder of the division (0 in this case) into the other byte, the *least significant byte*, or LSB. Line them up in memory as LSB/MSB (it's backwards to us, but the computer likes them put in this way). There you have it. Notice that the Assembler program performs this whole task for you automatically when you type in a large address (as in line 49156).

How does this work in the real world? We do need to set up just such a double-byte address for our routine which draws vertical lines. We're going to use the two bytes at 71–72 (space that's not being used by the computer during an ML program run). Notice that we must use zero page for setting up our special c/o addressing method. We start off (line 49186) by putting 39 into the LSB, address 71. Then we put a 4 into 72, the MSB. Since the real address (the target) is 256 × LSB + MSB, we'll get 1063 as the target when we land on these two bytes. 1063 is the first space on the right-hand side of our vertical screen line. We can start there because the first line is already filled in anyway with our horizontal line, built earlier in the program.

At this point we can formally introduce one of the most significant and useful of the ML addressing modes—*Indirect Y*. (It's usually called *indirect indexed*. Who can remember that? Let's call it Indirect Y.) It takes a minute to get it straight, but it's a minute well spent. You'll find many uses for this handy method of sending bytes anywhere in the computer. When you address something this way, it "bounces off" the number you prepare in zero page, it's indirect, it's like sending a letter c/o someone. In effect, it gets readdressed once the computer lands down in zero page.

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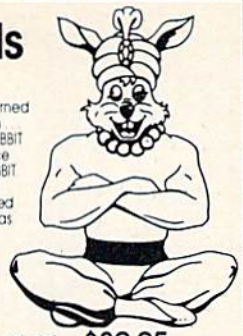

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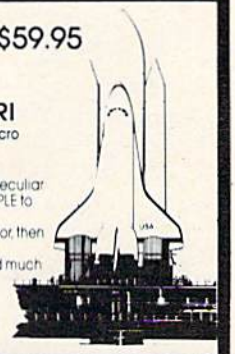

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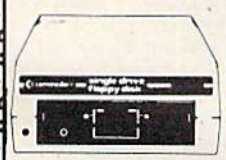

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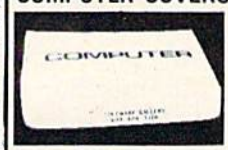

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49152  LDY   # Ø
49154  LDA   # 8
49156  STA   55296 ,Y
49159  STA   55552 ,Y
49162  STA   55808 ,Y
49165  STA   56064 ,Y
49168  INY
49169  BNE         49156
49171  LDY   # Ø
49173  LDA   # 224
49175  STA   1024 ,Y
49178  STA   1984 ,Y
49181  INY
49182  CPY   # 40
49184  BNE         49175
49186  LDA   # 39
49188  STA   71
49190  LDA   # 4
49192  STA   72
49194  LDX   # 24
49196  LDY   # Ø
49198  LDA   # 224
49200  STA ( 71 ),Y
49202  INY
49203  STA ( 71 ),Y
49205  DEX
49206  BEQ         49224
49208  CLC
49209  LDA   71
49211  ADC   # 40
49213  STA   71
49215  LDA   72
49217  ADC   # Ø
49219  STA   72
49221  JMP    --->   49196
49224  RTS
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After we load Y (our offset) with 0 again and load A with the framing character (224), we can store the 224 into the address which the computer finds by looking at the double-byte number we put into addresses 71–72. When it sees STA (71),Y—the computer knows what to do. It first calculates the correct target formed by multiplying whatever it finds in cell 72 × 256 and then adding whatever's in cell 71. Then, it also adds the value of the Y register.

So, we can manipulate the number in Y here the same way that we used it with Absolute Indexed above (line 49156), but have the added advantage of being able to manipulate the double-byte address at 71–72 as well. The first time through this loop, the framing character will be sent to 1063. Then we INY and send another framing character to 1064 (the second space down the left side of the screen). Then we DEX. X is counting down from 24 because there are 24 spaces down each side of the screen that we need to fill. If the DEX causes X to equal 0, then the BEQ takes effect and sends us back to BASIC mode via the RTS (ReTurn from Subroutine) at line 49224. If X is not yet zero (and thus we want to continue the looping), we will add 40 to the double-byte number at 71–72.

The adding is done by first clearing the carry, CLC, and then putting the number from 71 into the A register, adding 40 (ADC means ADd with Carry) and then storing the result back into cell 71. Likewise, we get the number from 72, add it to 0, and put it back. Why add to 0? Because there might be a carry from the operation on the number in 71. If so, we need to reflect that in the overall number by adding it to the MSB (in cell 72). After we've added 40 to this special double-byte number, we just jump (JMP) back to the line where we start our loop that prints the framing characters to the screen.

We've covered a good bit of ground this month. You should try out these routines with your Assembler and run them after they've been placed into memory: SYS 12288 (VIC) or SYS 49152 (64). Then, change some of the numbers and see the effects. Try using a different character for the frame. Pay particular attention to the way that Indirect Y addressing accomplishes its effects—we'll be using it frequently from here on.

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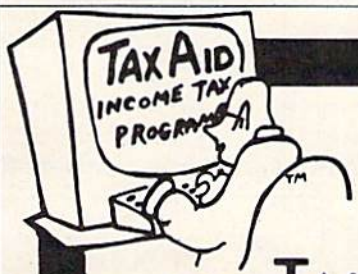

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Harold D. Vanderpool

This extremely useful utility program adds four commands to BASIC and belongs in every programmer's toolbox. The utility itself is written in machine language. To type it in, use the MLX entry program found elsewhere in this issue.

No version of BASIC has everything. No matter what computer you look at, there are things that could be added to customize it for your particular needs. The VIC and 64 have an excellent version of BASIC, Microsoft, which has been popular for years on microcomputers. But if you do a bit of programming, you might find that "64 BASIC Aid" will be among the most valuable utility programs in your library—it adds four extremely useful commands to the 64's BASIC.

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Within your program, there probably will be GOSUBs or GOTOs or other references to existing line numbers. 64 BASIC Aid takes care of that, adjusting the references automatically. However, if it finds a GOTO that's targeted to a line that doesn't exist in the program, it will print the number 65535 on the screen. This is helpful when you debug your programs. Also, all adjusted lines will be printed on the screen.

DELETE 100–200. When you type this, all the lines between 100 and 200 (inclusive) will disappear from your program. It works the same way that the LIST command works, using the same format. But be careful with this one. If you just type DELETE without any line numbers after it and then hit RETURN, it will delete the whole program.

FIND/GOTO/,500–900. This would print a list on screen of each line between 500 and 900 which contained a GOTO command. Again, you can indicate how you want the line numbers handled in the same way, using the same options, as with the ordinary LIST command. If you want a

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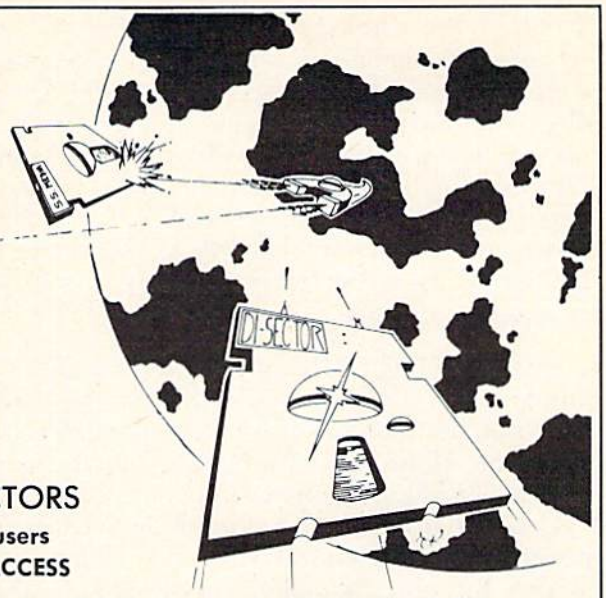

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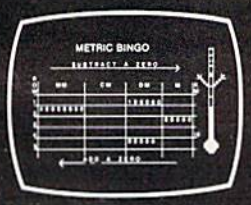

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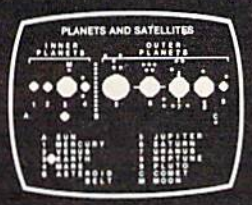

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report on the whole program, just leave off the comma and the line numbers. You can search for anything: variables, strings, commands, numbers. One note, however, about looking for things in quotes. The computer won't know if you want the *word* "to" or the *BASIC command* TO unless you use quotation marks instead of the slashes when you're looking for words as literal words. So, to find the word "to" you'd type:

```
FIND"TO",500-900
```

CHANGE@PRINT@PRINT#4 @,300–400. Similar to FIND, CHANGE will both locate and *replace* all occurrences of something within your program. All the rules for FIND apply the same way to CHANGE. The example here could be very useful if you have a printer. As written, your program is designed to PRINT everything to the screen. But you can make everything go to the printer instead by adding a line at the start of the program, OPEN 4,4 which alerts the computer that a channel has been opened to the printer. Then this CHANGE will make all printing go to channel 4 (Commodore printers are always Device #4, by convention) instead of the screen.

Another use for CHANGE would become apparent if you'd written a large program and used an illegal variable name like TI (reserved for the clock) or TO (a command name). Instead of hunting through the program, trying to find each illegal variable, just SAVE the program, LOAD and RUN 64 BASIC Aid, LOAD the program back in, and type: CHANGE/TI/TR/ and it's fixed in a flash. Like FIND, the whole program is changed if you leave off the line number information.

KILL turns off 64 BASIC Aid. If you want the computer to be returned to its original state, just type KILL and everything will be as if you'd just turned it on.

Here's the information you need to type in 64 BASIC Aid with the special MLX machine language entry program found elsewhere in this issue:

Start address = 39852
End address = 40961

To activate 64 BASIC Aid once it's loaded, enter SYS 39852.

If you don't want to type this program, send $3, a blank cassette or 1541/4040 disk, and a self-addressed, stamped mailer to:

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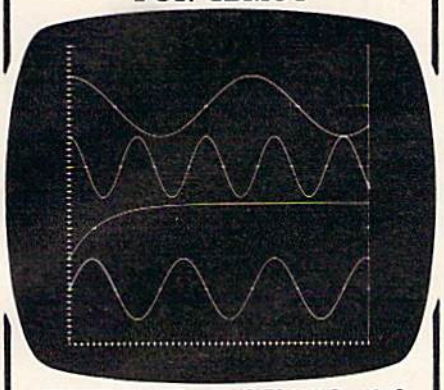

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Modifications And Corrections

● Two changes are necessary in the 64 version of "Oil Tycoon" (October). Add the following lines to pick a difficulty level or to press E to end the game:

```
230 PRINT"{DOWN} DIFFICULTY LEVEL? 123456
    78E(END){GRN}":T=1                :rem 76
235 POKE56194+T,0:T1=T:T=T+(PEEK(JS)AND4)
    /4-(PEEK(JS)AND8)/8:IF T>9 THEN T=1
                                      :rem 157
237 IF T<1 THENT=9                    :rem 229
263 IF T=9 THEN SYS2048               :rem 240
```

When converting the VIC version to the 64, we also neglected to include the feature which allows you to replace the oil rig by pressing the fire button. Add these lines:

```
435 Q=R-1:IF Q=0 THEN 360             :rem 41
437 J=Z:FORA=0TO21:A%(A)=0:NEXT:B=Q*40+W+
    X:A=PEEK(B):IF A<>7 THEN 480 :rem 255
```

● The text-adventure game "Martian Prisoner" (November) does not respond properly when you attempt to hit a Martian guard. This bug escaped our testing because we found it safer to fool the guards rather than provoke them (hint). Nevertheless, if you want to hit the guards, insert a GOSUB command in line 125:

```
125 IFV=14 THEN GOSUB 3900        :rem 154
```

● Many of you who typed in the VIC version of "Aardvark Attack" (October) encountered a syntax error in line 55. The reason is that the programmer used a keyword abbreviation when he wrote the line, and it works fine when typed in with the abbreviation. That's why our testing detected no errors. Unfortunately, listings do not show abbreviations. Here is the line:

```
55 M=(TANDFNM(J))/4 J....          :rem 77
```

The computer interprets T AND FNM(J) as TAN (tangent) without a value. There are four ways to fix it: (1) insert a space between T and AND; (2) abbreviate AND with A-SHIFT-N; (3) put the T in parentheses; (4) reverse the order—FNM(J)ANDT.

● The 64 version of "Munchmath" (November) does not accept answers beginning with 9. To fix this, remove ORAN$>"9" from line 200.

● In November's "Machine Language For Beginners" column, the VIC version of "The Assembler" program requires an 8K memory expander.

LIST Freezer

Doug Ferguson

This very short routine will prove indispensable to BASIC programmers—it allows you to pause or freeze a LISTing of the program on the screen. The routine is a machine language program presented in the form of a BASIC loader, so you need to know nothing about machine language to use it. What's more, it works equally well on the Commodore 64 or VIC-20.

The VIC-20 and Commodore 64 cry out for a pause feature during a LIST. When you're writing or debugging a program, especially if you lack a printer, you can waste a lot of time typing LIST again and again just to get a look at your BASIC code.

"LIST Freezer" is an elegant solution to the problem. It patches directly into the LIST routine in ROM (Read Only Memory) without interfering with anything else. Once it's activated, there is never any need to turn it off. It also eliminates the screen ripple effect of some other LIST pause routines, including one I published in COMPUTE! Magazine in 1982.

The LIST Freezer

The program below activates the pause feature for either the VIC or 64. Type it in exactly, SAVE it, RUN it, LOAD something in BASIC, and give it a try. (Because it destroys the BASIC loader part of itself in line 80, be sure to SAVE it before typing RUN for the first time.)

To use LIST Freezer, LIST any BASIC program and hold down the SHIFT key. The listing will pause. To freeze it entirely while freeing your hands, press SHIFT LOCK. You can restart the listing at any time by releasing SHIFT or SHIFT LOCK.

Technical Details

For the curious, here's how it works. Line 20 sets the low-byte/high-byte address of a machine language "patch" at the top of RAM (Random Access Memory). The patch consumes 23 bytes of memory on either the VIC or 64.

Line 30 redefines the computer's memory size to protect the patch. It also moves the LIST vector at memory addresses 774–775 (hexadecimal $0306–$0307) to reroute the indirect jump to ROM (address $A717 in the 64 or $C717 in the VIC).

The remaining lines create the patch routine at the top of RAM. Line 50 adjusts the patch to work on either the VIC or 64.

Notice that the program assumes the normal LIST vector at power-up; line 20 thus prevents you from accidentally trying to activate the routine more than once while the power is on.

Also note that the routine clears out the keyboard buffer when activated. Actually this was necessary only for the VIC, but it causes no harm on the 64 and was left in to make the routine universal.

LIST Freezer

```
20 L=232:H=PEEK(56)-1:Q=PEEK(775):IF Q<16
   7 THEN 80                          :rem 236
30 POKE 55,L:POKE 51,L:POKE 56,H:POKE 52,
   H:POKE 774,L:POKE 775,H            :rem 74
40 FOR X=L+H*256 TO X+21:READ D:POKE X,D:
   NEXT                               :rem 51
50 POKE X,Q                           :rem 105
60 DATA 72,152,72,32,159,255,169,1,44,141
   ,2,208,246                         :rem 209
70 DATA 169,0,133,198,104,168,104,76,26
                                      :rem 136
80 NEW                                :rem 82
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HINTS&TIPS

Centering VIC Screens

Mary Conlin

If you've discovered a clever time-saving technique, or a brief but effective programming shortcut, send it in to "Hints & Tips," c/o COMPUTE!'s GAZETTE for Commodore. If we use it, we'll pay you $35.

Some VIC-20s and TV sets don't match up perfectly — the screen image appears to be a little off-center. This is called *overscan*. If you can't compensate by fiddling with the TV controls — or if you prefer to leave the TV controls as they are for regular TV viewing — there's a way to adjust the screen from the computer.

Two memory locations inside the VIC control the horizontal and vertical positions of the screen image. By using simple POKE statements in direct mode or within a program, you can quickly adjust the screen for any TV. This method works on a VIC of any memory size. You can restore the screen to its normal position at any time by holding down the RUN/STOP key and pressing RESTORE.

(The Commodore 64 lacks these adjustments, but has much less need for them because its screen image is smaller than the VIC's and is less subject to overscan.)

Horizontal Adjustments

The horizontal screen position is controlled by memory location 36880. Normally this location contains a 5. POKEing smaller numbers into this location moves the screen left, and POKEing larger numbers moves it right. For example, to move the screen one position left, type:

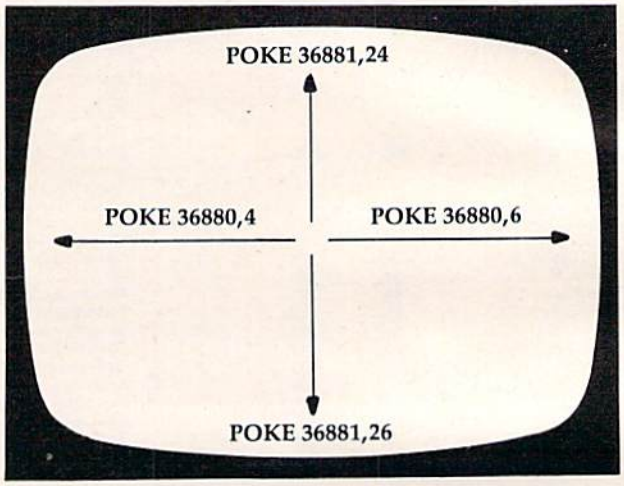
POKE 36880,4 [press RETURN]

Or, to adjust the screen one position right, type:

POKE 36880,6 [press RETURN]

If your screen is off-center by more than one position, try POKEing a 3 or a 7, etc. Once you find the correct value for your particular computer/TV combination, you can include the statement at the beginning of all your BASIC programs so the adjustment is made automatically whenever you type RUN.

Centering VIC Screens On A TV



Vertical Adjustments

The vertical screen position is controlled by memory location 36881. Normally this location contains a 25. POKEing smaller numbers into this location moves the screen up, and POKEing larger numbers moves it down. For example, to move the screen one position up, type:

POKE 36881,24 [press RETURN]

Or, to move the screen one position down, type:

POKE 36881,26 [press RETURN]

Using numbers too high can move the screen completely out of view. If this happens, simply POKE back the 25 or press RUN/STOP-RESTORE. Again, once you find the best number, you can include this statement in all your BASIC programs.

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VIC-20 Spreadsheet

Computer Software Associates has released a VIC-20 version of PractiCalc Plus, a combination spreadsheet-data base manager program.

The program, available on tape or disk, requires a 16K RAM card expander.

PractiCalc Plus allows full use of mathematical and trigonometric function, incorporates search and sort routines, and has a single-key histogram function. The program, which sells for $49.95 on tape and $54.95 on disk, can be used for budget and business projections, expense tracking, investments, and inventory.

Micro Software International, Inc.
The Silk Mill
44 Oak Street
Newton Upper Falls, MA 02164
(617) 527-7510

Space Game For VIC

Ridge Runner is a machine-language space game for the unexpanded VIC-20.

In the game, produced by Bytes and Bits, you maneuver your multicolor ship through a minefield and a volley from enemy ships.

The game, which requires a joystick and sells for $14.95, includes a horizontally scrolling playfield, multicolor graphics, sound, a high-score recorder, and a pause option.

Bytes and Bits
524 East Canterbury Lane
Phoenix, AZ 85022
(602) 942-1475

Commodore 64 Rescue, VIC-20 Educational Games

Zeppelin Rescue, a game of coordination and skill for the Commodore 64, and several educational games for the VIC-20 are available from Micro Software International.

In *Zeppelin Rescue*, you must overcome the forces of gravity and the slow, cumbersome controls of your airship to rescue the inhabitants of a threatened city. The game includes five cityscapes and four levels—daylight, dusk, night, and dawn.

The program is available on disk for $24.95, or on cassette for $19.95.

The VIC-20 programs are all available on cassette and require no memory expansion. They include *Math Duel*, a basic number skills program for students in grades 1 through 6; *Tiny Tutor*, a simple math problem tutorial for children ages 2 through 7; *VIC Sketch*, a drawing program with SAVE and PRINT features; and *Composer*, which teaches the rudiments of music.

Math Duel and *Tiny Tutor* sell for $19.95. *VIC Sketch* and *Composer* are $14.95 each.

Micro Software International
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44 Oak Street
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(617) 527-7510

One-Handed Bridge

Computer Management Corporation has released *BridgePro*, a program that will allow one person and a Commodore 64 to enjoy a game of bridge.

The program, which is written in machine language, takes care of the shuffling and dealing, and will bid and play three hands.

The program allows replaying hands, prevents illegal bids, and offers a help screen on bidding for bridge newcomers. A game for two players is among *BridgePro*'s other options.

BridgePro is available on disk for $35.

Computer Management Corporation
Customer Service Center
2424 Exbourne Court
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Help For Programmers

A collection of worksheets, programming aids, grid-sheets, and logs, designed to help simplify VIC-20 and Commodore 64 programming, is available from PM Products.

Programmer's Aids and Logs includes a guide to all keys, POKEs, CHR$ codes, and characters; sound and music worksheets; a condensed BASIC dictionary; grids for screen layout, custom characters, and sprites; and documentation worksheets for variable, subroutine, and file use.

Also included are cutout function key templates and a BASIC-Aid reference card. The package, which sells for $9.95, contains 95 color-coded pages and is punched for use in three-ring binders.

PM Products
4455 Torrance Blvd., #177
Torrance, CA 90503

Programmer's Aids and Logs is a collection of worksheets, reference cards, and programming aids for the VIC or 64.

Tax Preparation Programs

Northland Accounting has produced three tax preparation programs for the Commodore 64 and VIC-20. The programs produce a line-by-line readout of IRS Form 1040 and related schedules. Updates for new tax years will be published annually.

Taxaid I is for the unexpanded VIC-20. The program directs its output to the monitor. *Taxaid II* is for a VIC-20 with 16K. Output can be directed to the monitor or a printer. *Taxaid III* is for the Commodore 64, with output directed to the monitor or printer.

Taxaid I is available on tape for $19.95 or on disk for $24.95. The other two versions are available on tape for $24.95 or on disk for $29.95.

Northland Accounting, Inc.
Software Department
606 Second Ave.
Two Harbors, MN 55616
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Universal Serial Cable

Renaissance Technology has produced the Universal Serial Cable, which simplifies connections between RS-232 serial computers and peripheral devices.

Built into the cable connectors are sets of DIP switches that can be set according to the requirements of the devices being connected. A cross-reference chart of switch settings is included with the cable.

The Universal Serial Cable sells for $62.

Renaissance Technology Corp.
1070 Shary Circle
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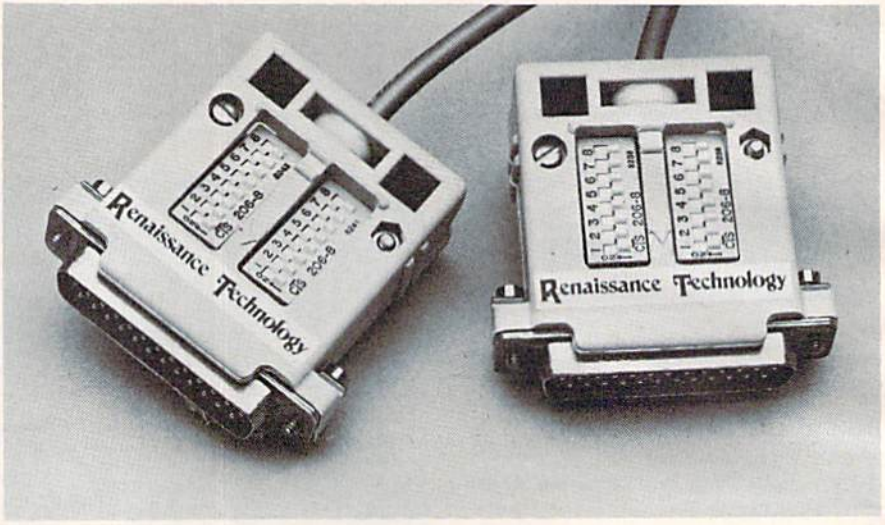

The Universal Serial Cable from Renaissance includes DIP switches in the connectors to eliminate the need for specially wired cables.

Activity-Planning Software

SEI Enterprises has produced a series of programs designed to help groups of users plan their activities.

The programs, which cover vacation, menu, and spending plans, allow up to ten participants to enter their preferences into the computer. Each person is then given a chance to vote on the suggestions made, and the program tallies the results and generates a printout.

The initial series is $24.95 and consists of four programs. They are *Acti-Trip*, for trip planning; *Acti-Spend*, for spending priorities; *Acti-Menu*, for meal planning; and *Acti-Play*, designed for youngsters to determine how to spend their free time.

The programs are available for the Commodore 64 and the VIC-20 with 8K expansion.

SEI Enterprises
17 Serpi Road
Highland Mills, NY 10930

Word Processor For Commodore 64

Easy Script 64, a word processing program from Commodore Software, is available for the Commodore 64.

Features of the program include selectable display colors; hunt and find; search and replace; function key editing; superscripts and subscripts; vertical and horizontal tabs; and the ability to transfer words, phrases and blocks within text. The program includes a form-letter command, and it offers optional sound effect prompts.

Easy Script 64, which sells for $49.95, also is compatible with *Easy Spell 64*, Commodore's spelling checker.

Commodore Software
1200 Wilson Drive
West Chester, PA 19380
(215) 431-9100

VIC Memory Poster

Kevco has produced *Inside the VIC-20*, a 27 by 21-inch color poster that shows the important memory locations in the VIC.

The chart includes information on the BASIC memory map, video screens, sound and color, as well as data on paddles, joysticks and light pens.

The poster, which makes often-used information avail-

able at a glance, sells for $6.95. A Commodore 64 version is forthcoming.

Kevco Electronic and Software Engineering
480 Georgia Court
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Investment Manager

Portfolio Manager is an investment management program for the Commodore 64 or 16K VIC-20 computers.

The program, which is the first in a series of personal finance programs planned by Basic Byte, allows the user to easily record and compute stock transactions. *Portfolio Manager* sells for $29.95.

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Property Management System

MicroSpec has introduced its *Rental Property Manager* program for the Commodore 64.

With the program, a landlord can keep track of up to 200 rental units per diskette. The program maintains 18 fields per record, including information on the property owner, the tenant, the rent payment record, and the availability of the unit.

The system, which requires one disk drive, can produce a variety of reports including tenant lists, overdue rent lists, expired lease lists, vacancy lists, and income and expense reports.

Rental Property Manager sells for $179.95.

MicroSpec, Inc.
Box 836085
Plano, TX 75086
(214) 867-1333

Educational Games For Commodore 64

Bertamax has reached agreement with Commodore Business Machines to convert 21 educational programs for use on the Commodore 64.

Among the programs being converted are several programs designed for children in kindergarten through third grade. The titles include *Number Match It, Addition Match, Subtraction Match, Multiplication Match, Division Match*, and six reading programs in the *Story Mix* series.

Other programs covered in the agreement are: *Spelling in Context*, a 308-lesson program available for grade levels one through eight; *Math Facts Games—Set 2*, a series of four two-player math games; and *Number Cruncher*, 30 lessons in math and problem-solving skills.

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Spreadsheet For VIC And 64

ESP›Calc is an electronic spreadsheet planning calculator for both the VIC and 64.

The same program runs on both computers, and the size of the spreadsheet is limited only by computer memory. The manual includes step-by-step instructions to help novice spreadsheet users become accustomed to the program.

ESP›Calc is designed to handle things like household budgets, heat and electric use, stock portfolios, and rental property analysis. The program also includes printer options.

The cassette version of *ESP›Calc* sells for $43.50; the disk version is $47.50.

New Leaf Inc.
120 Lynnhaven
Belleville, IL 62223

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How To Type In *COMPUTE!'s Gazette* Programs

Many of the programs which are listed in *COMPUTE!'s Gazette* contain special control characters (cursor control, color keys, inverse video, etc.). To make it easy to know exactly what to type when entering one of these programs into your computer, we have established the following listing conventions.

Generally, any VIC-20 or Commodore 64 program listings will contain bracketed words which spell out any special characters: {DOWN} would mean to press the cursor down key. {5 SPACES} would mean to press the space bar five times.

To indicate that a key should be *shifted* (hold down the SHIFT key while pressing the other key), the key would be underlined in our listings. For example, S would mean to type the S key while holding the shift key. This would appear on your screen as a "heart" symbol. If you find an underlined key enclosed in braces (e.g., {10 N}), you should type the key as many times as indicated (in our example, you would enter ten shifted N's).

If a key is enclosed in special brackets, ⟨⟩, you should hold down the *Commodore key* while pressing the key inside the special brackets. (The Commodore key is the key in the lower left corner of the keyboard.) Again, if the key is preceded by a number, you should press the key as many times as necessary.

Rarely, you'll see a solitary letter of the alphabet enclosed in braces. These characters can be entered on the Commodore 64 by holding down the CTRL key while typing the letter in the braces. For example, {A} would indicate that you should press CTRL-A. You should never have to enter such a character on the VIC-20, but if you do, you would have to leave the quote mode (press RETURN and cursor back up to the position where the control character should go), press CTRL-9 (RVS ON), the letter in braces, and then CTRL-0 (RVS OFF).

About the *quote mode*: you know that you can move the cursor around the screen with the CRSR keys. Sometimes a programmer will want to move the cursor under program control. That's why you see all the {LEFT}'s, {HOME}'s, and {BLU}'s in our programs. The only way the computer can tell the difference between direct and programmed cursor control is the quote mode.

Once you press the quote (the double quote, SHIFT-2), you are in the quote mode. If you type something and then try to change it by moving the cursor left, you'll only get a bunch of reverse-video lines. These are the symbols for cursor left. The only editing key that isn't programmable is the DEL key; you can still use DEL to back up and edit the line. Once you type another quote, you are out of quote mode.

You also go into quote mode when you INSerT spaces into a line. In any case, the easiest way to get out of quote mode is to just press RETURN. You'll then be out of quote mode and you can cursor up to the mistyped line and fix it.

Use the following table when entering cursor and color control keys:

When You Read:	Press:	See:
{CLEAR}	SHIFT + CLR/HOME	
{HOME}	CLR/HOME	
{UP}	SHIFT + CRSR ↑	
{DOWN}	CRSR ↓	
{LEFT}	SHIFT + CRSR ←	
{RIGHT}	CRSR →	
{RVS}	CTRL + 9	
{OFF}	CTRL + 0	
{BLK}	CTRL + 1	
{WHT}	CTRL + 2	
{RED}	CTRL + 3	
{CYN}	CTRL + 4	
{PUR}	CTRL + 5	
{GRN}	CTRL + 6	
{BLU}	CTRL + 7	
{YEL}	CTRL + 8	
⟨1⟩	f1	
⟨2⟩	f2	
⟨3⟩	f3	
⟨4⟩	f4	
⟨5⟩	f5	
⟨6⟩	f6	
⟨7⟩	f7	
⟨8⟩	f8	
{F1}	f1	
{F2}	f2	
{F3}	f3	
{F4}	f4	
{F5}	f5	
{F6}	f6	
{F7}	f7	
{F8}	f8	

A Beginner's Guide To Typing In Programs

What Is A Program?

A computer cannot perform any task by itself. Like a car without gas, a computer has *potential*, but without a program, it isn't going anywhere. Most of the programs published in *COMPUTE!'s Gazette* for Commodore are written in a computer language called BASIC. BASIC is easy to learn and is built into all VIC-20s and Commodore 64s.

BASIC Programs

Each month, *COMPUTE!'s Gazette* for Commodore publishes programs for both the VIC and 64. To start out, type in only programs written for your machine, e.g., "VIC Version" if you have a VIC-20. Later, when you gain experience with your computer's BASIC, you can try typing in and converting certain programs from another computer to yours.

Computers can be picky. Unlike the English language, which is full of ambiguities, BASIC usually has only one "right way" of stating something. Every letter, character, or number is significant. A common mistake is substituting a letter such as "O" for the numeral "0", a lowercase "l" for the numeral "1", or an uppercase "B" for the numeral "8". Also, you must enter all punctuation such as colons and commas just as they appear in the magazine. Spacing can be important. To be safe, type in the listings *exactly* as they appear.

Brackets And Special Characters

The exception to this typing rule is when you see the curved bracket, such as "{DOWN}". Anything within a set of brackets is a special character or characters that cannot easily be listed on a printer. When you come across such a special statement, refer to "How To Type In *COMPUTE!'s Gazette* Programs."

About DATA Statements

Some programs contain a section or sections of DATA statements. These lines provide information needed by the program. Some DATA statements contain actual programs (called machine language); others contain graphics codes. These lines are especially sensitive to errors.

If a single number in any one DATA statement is mistyped, your machine could "lock up," or "crash." The keyboard and STOP key may seem "dead," and the screen may go blank. Don't panic – no damage is done. To regain control, you have to turn off your computer, then turn it back on. This will erase whatever program was in memory, *so always SAVE a copy of your program before you RUN it*. If your computer crashes, you can LOAD the program and look for your mistake.

Sometimes a mistyped DATA statement will cause an error message when the program is RUN. The error message may refer to the program line that READs the data. *The error is still in the DATA statements, though.*

Get To Know Your Machine

You should familiarize yourself with your computer before attempting to type in a program. Learn the statements you use to store and retrieve programs from tape or disk. You'll want to save a copy of your program, so that you won't have to type it in every time you want to use it. Learn to use your machine's editing functions. How do you change a line if you made a mistake? You can always retype the line, but you at least need to know how to backspace. Do you know how to enter inverse video, lowercase, and control characters? It's all explained in your computer's manuals.

A Quick Review

1) Type in the program a line at a time, in order. Press RETURN at the end of each line. Use backspace or the back arrow to correct mistakes.

2) Check the line you've typed against the line in the magazine. You can check the entire program again if you get an error when you RUN the program.

3) Make sure you've entered statements in brackets as the appropriate control key (see "How To Type *COMPUTE!'s Gazette* Programs" elsewhere in the magazine.)

We regret that we are not able to respond to individual inquiries about programs, products, or services appearing in COMPUTE!'s Gazette *for Commodore due to increasing publication activity. On those infrequent occasions when a published program contains a typo, the correction will appear in the magazine, usually within eight weeks. If you have specific questions about items or programs which you've seen in* COMPUTE!'s Gazette *for Commodore, please send them to Gazette Feedback, P.O. Box 5406, Greensboro, NC 27403.*

The Automatic Proofreader

"The Automatic Proofreader" will help you type in program listings from COMPUTE!'s Gazette without typing mistakes. It is a short error-checking program that hides itself in memory. When activated, it lets you know immediately after typing a line from a program listing if you have made a mistake. Please read these instructions carefully before typing any programs in COMPUTE!'s Gazette.

Preparing The Proofreader

1. Using the listing below, type in the Proofreader. The same program works on both the VIC-20 and Commodore 64. Be very careful when entering the DATA statements — don't type an l instead of a 1, an O instead of a 0, extra commas, etc.

2. SAVE the Proofreader on tape or disk at least twice *before running it for the first time*. This is very important because the Proofreader erases this part of itself when you first type RUN.

3. After the Proofreader is SAVEd, type RUN. It will check itself for typing errors in the DATA statements and warn you if there's a mistake. Correct any errors and SAVE the corrected version. Keep a copy in a safe place — you'll need it again and again, every time you enter a program from COMPUTE!'s Gazette.

4. When a correct version of the Proofreader is RUN, it activates itself. You are now ready to enter a program listing. If you press RUN/STOP-RESTORE, the Proofreader is disabled. To reactivate it, just type the command SYS 886 and press RETURN.

Using The Proofreader

All VIC and 64 listings in COMPUTE!'s Gazette now have a *checksum number* appended to the end of each line, for example ":rem 123". *Don't enter this statement when typing in a program.* It is just for your information. The rem makes the number harmless if someone does type it in. It will, however, use up memory if you enter it, and it will confuse the Proofreader, even if you entered the rest of the line correctly.

When you type in a line from a program listing and press RETURN, the Proofreader displays a number at the top of your screen. *This checksum number must match the checksum number in the printed listing.* If it doesn't, it means you typed the line differently than the way it is listed. Immediately recheck your typing. Remember, don't type the rem statement with the checksum number; it is published only so you can check it against the number which appears on your screen.

The Proofreader is not picky with spaces. It will not notice extra spaces or missing ones. This is for your convenience, since spacing is generally not important. But occasionally proper spacing *is* important, so be extra careful with spaces, since the Proofreader will catch practically everything else that can go wrong.

There's another thing to watch out for: if you enter the line by using abbreviations for commands, the checksum will not match up. But there is a way to make the Proofreader check it. After entering the line, LIST it. This eliminates the abbreviations. Then move the cursor up to the line and press RETURN. It should now match the checksum. You can check whole groups of lines this way.

Special Tape SAVE Instructions

When you're done typing a listing, you must disable the Proofreader before SAVEing the program on tape. Disable the Proofreader by pressing RUN/STOP-RESTORE (hold down the RUN/STOP key and sharply hit the RESTORE key). This procedure is not necessary for disk SAVEs, *but you must disable the Proofreader this way before a tape SAVE.*

SAVE to tape erases the Proofreader from memory, so you'll have to LOAD and RUN it again if you want to type another listing. SAVE to disk does not erase the Proofreader.

Replace Original Proofreader

If you typed in the original version of the Proofreader (October 1983 issue), you should replace it with the improved version below. We added a POKE to the original version to protect it from being erased when you LOAD another program from tape. The POKE does protect the Proofreader, and the Proofreader itself was not affected. However, a quirk in the VIC-20's operating system means that programs typed in with the Proofreader and SAVEd on tape cannot be LOADed properly later. If you LOAD a program SAVEd while the Proofreader was in memory, you see ?LOAD ERROR. This applies only to VIC tape SAVEs (disk SAVEs work OK, and the quirk was fixed in the Commodore 64).

If you have a program typed in with the original Proofreader and SAVEd on tape, follow this special LOAD procedure:

1. Turn the power off, then on.
2. LOAD the program from tape (disregard the ?LOAD ERROR).
3. Enter: POKE 45,PEEK(174):POKE 46,PEEK(175):CLR
4. ReSAVE the program to tape.

The program will LOAD fine in the future. We strongly recommend that you type in the new version of the Proofreader and discard the old one.

Automatic Proofreader For VIC And 64

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100 PRINT"{CLR}PLEASE WAIT...":FORI=886TO
    1018:READA:CK=CK+A:POKEI,A:NEXT
110 IF CK<>17539 THEN PRINT"{DOWN}YOU MAD
    E AN ERROR":PRINT"IN DATA STATEMENTS.
    ":END
120 SYS886:PRINT"{CLR}{2 DOWN}PROOFREADER
     ACTIVATED.":NEW
886 DATA 173,036,003,201,150,208
892 DATA 001,096,141,151,003,173
898 DATA 037,003,141,152,003,169
904 DATA 150,141,036,003,169,003
910 DATA 141,037,003,169,000,133
916 DATA 254,096,032,087,241,133
922 DATA 251,134,252,132,253,008
928 DATA 201,013,240,017,201,032
934 DATA 240,005,024,101,254,133
940 DATA 254,165,251,166,252,164
946 DATA 253,040,096,169,013,032
952 DATA 210,255,165,214,141,251
958 DATA 003,206,251,003,169,000
964 DATA 133,216,169,019,032,210
970 DATA 255,169,018,032,210,255
976 DATA 169,058,032,210,255,166
982 DATA 254,169,000,133,254,172
988 DATA 151,003,192,087,208,006
994 DATA 032,205,189,076,235,003
1000 DATA 032,205,221,169,032,032
1006 DATA 210,255,032,210,255,173
1012 DATA 251,003,133,214,076,173
1018 DATA 003
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MLX Machine Language Entry Program

For Commodore 64 And VIC-20

Charles Brannon, Program Editor

MLX is a labor-saving utility that allows almost failsafe entry of machine language programs published in COMPUTE!'s GAZETTE. You need to know nothing about machine language to use MLX—it was designed for everyone. There are separate versions for the Commodore 64 and expanded VIC-20 (at least 8K). MLX was conceived and written by Program Editor Charles Brannon. Important: MLX is required to type in the machine language programs in this issue.

MLX is a new way to enter long machine language (ML) programs with a minimum of fuss. MLX lets you enter the numbers from a special list that looks similar to BASIC DATA statements. It checks your typing on a line-by-line basis. It won't let you enter illegal characters when you should be typing numbers. It won't let you enter numbers greater than 255 (forbidden in ML). It won't let you enter the wrong numbers on the wrong line. In addition, MLX creates a ready-to-use tape or disk file. You can then use the LOAD command to read the program into the computer, as with any program:

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LOAD "filename",1,1   (for tape)
LOAD "filename",8,1   (for disk)
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To start the program, you enter a SYS command that transfers control from BASIC to machine language. The starting SYS number always appears in the appropriate article.

Using MLX

Type in and save the correct version of MLX for your computer (you'll want to use it in the future). When you're ready to type in an ML program, run MLX. MLX asks you for two numbers: the starting address and the ending address. These numbers are given in the article accompanying the ML program.

You'll see a prompt corresponding to the starting address. The prompt is the current line you are entering from the listing. It increases by six each time you enter a line. That's because each line has seven numbers—six actual data numbers plus a *checksum number*. The checksum verifies that you typed the previous six numbers correctly. If you enter any of the six numbers wrong, or enter the checksum wrong, the computer rings a buzzer and prompts you to reenter the line. If you enter it correctly, a bell tone sounds and you continue to the next line.

MLX accepts only numbers as input. It you make a typing error, press the INST/DEL key; the entire number is deleted. You can press it as many times as necessary back to the start of the line. If you enter three-digit numbers as listed, the computer automatically prints the comma and goes on to accept the next number. If you enter less than three digits, you can press either the comma, SPACE bar, or RETURN key to advance to the next number. The checksum automatically appears in inverse video for emphasis.

MLX Commands

When you finish typing an ML listing (assuming you type it all in one session) you can then save the completed program on tape or disk. Follow the screen instructions. If you get any errors while saving, you probably have a bad disk, or the disk is full, or you've made a typo when entering the MLX program itself.

You don't have to enter the whole ML program in one sitting. MLX lets you enter as much as you want, save it, and then reload the file from tape or disk later. MLX recognizes these commands:

SHIFT-S: Save	**SHIFT-N: New Address**
SHIFT-L: Load	**SHIFT-D: Display**

When you enter a command, MLX jumps out of the line you've been typing, so we recommend you do it at a new prompt. Use the Save command to save what you've been working on. It will save on tape or disk as if you've finished, but the tape or disk won't work, of course, until you finish the typing. Remember what address you stop at. The next time you run MLX, answer all the prompts as you did before, then insert the disk or tape. When you get to the entry prompt, press SHIFT-L to reload the partly completed file into memory. Then use the New Address command to resume typing.

To use the New Address command, press SHIFT-N and enter the address where you previously stopped. The prompt will change, and you can then continue typing. Always enter a New Address that matches up with one of the line numbers in the special listing, or else the checksum won't work. The Display command lets you display a section of your typing. After you press SHIFT-D, enter two addresses within the line number range of the listing. You can abort the listing by pressing any key.

The special MLX commands may seem a bit confusing, but as you work with MLX, they will become valuable. For example, what if you forgot where you stopped typing? Use the Display command to scan memory from the beginning to the end of the program. When you reach the end of your typing, the lines will contain a random pattern of numbers. When you see the end of your typing, press any key to stop the listing. Use the New Address command to continue typing from the proper location.

You can use the Save and Load commands to make copies of the completed program. Use Load to reload the tape or disk, then insert a new tape or disk and use Save to make a new copy.

Be sure to save MLX; it will be used for future ML programs in COMPUTE!'s GAZETTE.

See program listings on page 184.

SpeedScript

(Article on page 38.)

BEFORE TYPING...

Before typing in programs, please refer to "How To Type COMPUTE!'s Gazette Programs," "A Beginner's Guide To Typing In Programs," and "The Automatic Proofreader" that appear before the Program Listings.

Program 1:

SpeedScript—Commodore 64 Version

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2049 :011,008,010,000,158,050,238
2055 :048,054,049,000,000,000,158
2061 :032,103,009,076,193,009,179
2067 :165,251,141,051,008,165,032
2073 :252,141,052,008,165,253,128
2079 :141,054,008,165,254,141,026
2085 :055,008,166,181,240,032,207
2091 :169,000,141,186,026,160,213
2097 :000,185,000,000,153,000,131
2103 :000,200,204,186,026,208,111
2109 :244,238,052,008,238,055,128
2115 :008,224,000,240,007,202,236
2121 :208,224,165,180,208,222,000
2127 :096,165,181,170,005,180,108
2133 :208,001,096,024,138,101,141
2139 :252,141,123,008,165,251,007
2145 :141,122,008,024,138,101,119
2151 :254,141,126,008,165,253,026
2157 :141,125,008,232,164,180,191
2163 :208,004,240,013,160,255,227
2169 :185,000,000,153,000,000,203
2175 :136,192,255,208,245,206,089
2181 :123,008,206,126,008,202,038
2187 :208,234,096,169,040,133,251
2193 :195,133,020,169,004,133,031
2199 :196,169,216,133,021,173,035
2205 :182,026,133,155,173,183,241
2211 :026,133,156,162,001,173,046
2217 :185,026,133,012,173,195,125
2223 :026,141,032,208,160,000,230
2229 :173,194,026,145,020,177,148
2235 :155,153,196,026,200,041,190
2241 :127,201,031,240,019,192,235
2247 :040,208,235,136,177,155,126
2253 :041,127,201,032,240,005,083
2259 :136,208,245,160,039,200,175
2265 :132,167,136,185,196,026,035
2271 :145,195,136,016,248,164,103
2277 :167,024,152,101,155,133,193
2283 :155,165,156,105,000,133,181
2289 :156,152,157,060,003,192,193
2295 :040,240,008,169,032,145,113
2301 :195,200,076,246,008,024,234
2307 :165,195,105,040,133,195,068
2313 :133,020,144,004,230,196,224
2319 :230,021,232,224,025,240,219
2325 :003,076,179,008,165,155,095
2331 :141,192,026,165,156,141,080
2337 :193,026,096,169,000,133,138
2343 :155,141,182,026,141,188,104
2349 :026,133,038,169,028,133,060
2355 :156,141,183,026,141,189,119
2361 :026,133,039,169,032,162,106
2367 :179,160,255,198,156,145,132
2373 :155,200,230,156,145,155,086
2379 :200,208,251,230,156,202,042
2385 :208,246,145,155,096,133,040
2391 :167,132,168,160,000,177,123
2397 :167,240,006,032,210,255,235
2403 :200,208,246,096,169,012,006
2409 :141,195,026,169,038,133,039
2415 :001,169,011,141,194,026,141
2421 :032,036,009,169,000,141,248
2427 :185,026,032,115,015,169,153
2433 :255,141,138,002,032,245,174
2439 :012,032,150,009,169,100,095
2445 :160,025,032,086,009,238,179
2451 :184,026,096,032,166,009,148
2457 :169,085,160,025,032,086,198
2463 :009,169,000,141,184,026,176
2469 :096,162,039,169,032,157,052
2475 :000,004,202,016,250,169,044
2481 :019,076,210,255,072,041,082
2487 :128,074,133,167,104,041,062
2493 :063,005,167,096,160,000,168
2499 :177,038,133,002,160,000,193
2505 :177,038,073,128,145,038,032
2511 :032,142,008,032,228,255,136
2517 :208,013,165,162,041,016,050
2523 :240,245,169,000,133,162,144
2529 :076,199,009,170,160,000,071
2535 :165,002,145,038,224,095,132
2541 :208,012,032,160,011,169,061
2547 :032,160,000,145,038,076,182
2553 :193,009,173,184,026,240,050
2559 :007,138,072,032,150,009,151
2565 :104,170,138,201,013,208,071
2571 :002,162,095,138,041,127,064
2577 :201,032,144,070,224,160,080
2583 :208,002,162,032,138,072,125
2589 :173,185,026,240,003,032,176
2595 :140,014,104,032,181,009,003
2601 :160,000,145,038,032,142,046
2607 :008,056,165,038,237,188,227
2613 :026,133,167,165,039,237,052
2619 :189,026,005,167,144,014,092
2625 :165,038,105,000,141,188,190
2631 :026,165,039,105,000,141,035
2637 :189,026,230,038,208,002,002
2643 :230,039,032,231,010,076,189
2649 :193,009,138,174,125,010,226
2655 :221,125,010,240,006,202,131
2661 :208,248,076,193,009,202,013
2667 :138,010,170,169,009,072,163
2673 :169,192,072,189,162,010,139
2679 :072,189,161,010,072,096,207
2685 :035,029,157,137,133,002,106
2691 :012,138,134,020,148,004,075
2697 :019,009,147,135,139,005,079
2703 :136,140,022,145,017,159,250
2709 :018,024,026,016,028,030,035
2715 :006,001,011,008,031,003,215
2721 :150,011,159,011,170,011,161
2727 :227,011,054,012,066,012,037
2733 :080,012,179,012,231,013,188
2739 :139,014,014,014,083,014,201
2745 :201,014,225,014,253,014,138
2751 :024,015,185,015,222,017,157
2757 :205,016,043,018,080,012,059
2763 :179,012,111,018,118,019,148
2769 :023,020,028,012,108,020,164
2775 :186,017,107,023,002,014,052
2781 :039,020,244,012,210,023,001
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2787 :052,025,122,014,032,071,031
2793 :011,056.165,038,237,182,154
2799 :026,133,167,165,039,237,238
2805 :183,026,005,167,176,030,064
2811 :056,173,182,026,233,000,153
2817 :133,167,173,183,026,233,148
2823 :028,005,167,240,013,165,113
2829 :038,141,182,026,165,039,092
2835 :141,183,026,032,142,008,039
2841 :056,173,192,026,229,038,227
2847 :133,155,173,193,026,229,172
2853 :039,133,156,005,155,240,253
2859 :002,176,024,024,173,182,112
2865 :026,109,061,003,141,182,059
2871 :026,173,183,026,105,000,056
2877 :141,183,026,032,142,008,081
2883 :076,025,011,096,056,173,248
2889 :188,026,233,000,133,167,052
2895 :173,189,026,233,207,005,144
2901 :167,144,010,169,000,141,204
2907 :188,026,169,207,141,189,243
2913 :026,056,165,038,233,000,103
2919 :133,167,165,039,233,028,100
2925 :005,167,176,009,169,000,123
2931 :133,038,169,028,133,039,143
2937 :096,056,165,038,237,188,133
2943 :026,133,167,165,039,237,126
2949 :189,026,005,167,176,001,185
2955 :096,173,188,026,133,038,025
2961 :173,189,026,133,039,096,033
2967 :230,038,208,002,230,039,130
2973 :076,231,010,165,038,208,117
2979 :002,198,039,198,038,076,202
2985 :231,010,165,038,133,155,133
2991 :165,039,133,156,198,156,254
2997 :160,255,177,155,201,032,137
3003 :240,004,201,031,208,003,106
3009 :136,208,243,177,155,201,033
3015 :032,240,008,201,031,240,183
3021 :004,136,208,243,096,132,000
3027 :167,056,165,155,101,167,254
3033 :133,038,165,156,105,000,046
3039 :133,039,076,231,010,160,104
3045 :000,177,038,201,032,240,149
3051 :008,201,031,240,004,200,151
3057 :208,243,096,200,240,025,229
3063 :177,038,201,032,240,247,158
3069 :201,031,240,243,024,152,120
3075 :101,038,133,038,165,039,005
3081 :105,000,133,039,076,231,081
3087 :010,173,188,026,133,038,071
3093 :173,189,026,133,039,076,145
3099 :013,012,169,000,141,182,032
3105 :026,173,189,026,056,233,224
3111 :004,201,028,176,002,169,107
3117 :028,141,183,026,032,142,085
3123 :008,076,016,012,238,195,084
3129 :026,173,195,026,041,015,021
3135 :141,195,026,096,238,194,185
3141 :026,173,194,026,041,015,032
3147 :141,194,026,076,142,008,150
3153 :165,038,133,155,165,039,008
3159 :133,156,198,156,160,255,121
3165 :177,155,201,046,240,012,156
3171 :201,033,240,008,201,063,077
3177 :240,004,201,031,208,004,025
3183 :136,208,235,096,177,155,094
3189 :201,046,240,026,201,033,096
3195 :240,022,201,063,240,018,139
3201 :201,031,240,014,136,208,191
3207 :235,198,156,165,156,201,222
3213 :000,176,227,076,169,012,033
3219 :132,167,198,167,200,240,227
3225 :010,177,155,201,032,240,200
3231 :247,136,076,210,011,164,235
3237 :167,076,115,012,169,000,192
3243 :133,038,169,028,133,039,199
3249 :076,231,010,160,000,177,063
3255 :038,201,046,240,029,201,170
3261 :033,240,025,201,063,240,223
3267 :021,201,031,240,017,200,137
3273 :208,235,230,039,165,039,093
3279 :205,189,026,240,226,144,213
3285 :224,076,016,012,200,240,213
3291 :250,177,038,201,032,240,133
3297 :247,201,046,240,243,201,123
3303 :033,240,239,201,063,240,223
3309 :235,201,031,240,231,076,227
3315 :001,012,169,000,141,130,184
3321 :027,169,208,141,131,027,184
3327 :032,166,009,169,120,160,143
3333 :025,032,086,009,169,001,071
3339 :141,184,026,096,056,165,167
3345 :038,233,000,133,167,165,241
3351 :039,233,028,005,167,208,191
3357 :003,104,104,096,165,038,027
3363 :133,251,165,039,133,252,240
3369 :096,056,165,038,133,253,014
3375 :073,255,101,251,141,134,234
3381 :027,165,039,133,254,073,232
3387 :255,101,252,141,135,027,202
3393 :165,251,141,136,027,165,182
3399 :252,141,137,027,165,253,022
3405 :141,138,027,133,251,165,164
3411 :254,141,139,027,133,252,005
3417 :024,173,135,027,109,131,176
3423 :027,201,255,144,020,032,006
3429 :166,009,169,135,160,025,253
3435 :032,086,009,169,001,141,033
3441 :184,026,169,000,133,198,055
3447 :096,173,130,027,133,253,163
3453 :173,131,027,133,254,173,248
3459 :134,027,133,180,024,109,226
3465 :130,027,141,130,027,173,253
3471 :135,027,133,181,109,131,091
3477 :027,141,131,027,169,000,132
3483 :141,026,208,169,032,133,096
3489 :001,032,019,008,169,038,172
3495 :133,001,169,001,141,026,126
3501 :208,173,136,027,133,251,077
3507 :173,137,027,133,252,173,050
3513 :138,027,133,253,173,139,024
3519 :027,133,254,056,173,188,254
3525 :026,229,253,133,180,173,167
3531 :189,026,229,254,133,181,191
3537 :032,019,008,056,173,188,173
3543 :026,237,134,027,141,188,200
3549 :026,173,189,026,237,135,239
3555 :027,141,189,026,096,032,226
3561 :015,013,032,160,011,032,240
3567 :042,013,056,173,130,027,168
3573 :233,001,141,130,027,173,182
3579 :131,027,233,000,141,131,146
3585 :027,096,032,151,011,032,094
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Program 1: MLX—64 Version

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    POKE53281,1:POKE53280,1          :rem 73
101 POKE 788,52:REM DISABLE RUN/STOP
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110 PRINT"{RVS}{40 SPACES}";         :rem 176
120 PRINT"{RVS}{15 SPACES}{RIGHT}{OFF}
    £*£{RVS}{RIGHT} {RIGHT}{2 SPACES}
    £*£{OFF}£*£{RVS}£{RVS}
    {13 SPACES}";                    :rem 250
130 PRINT"{RVS}{15 SPACES}{RIGHT} £G£
    {RIGHT} {2 RIGHT} {OFF}£{RVS}££*£
    {OFF}£*£{RVS}{13 SPACES}";       :rem 35
140 PRINT"{RVS}{40 SPACES}"          :rem 120
200 PRINT"{2 DOWN}{PUR}{BLK}{3 SPACES}A F
    AILSAFE MACHINE LANGUAGE EDITOR
    {5 DOWN}"                        :rem 130
210 PRINT"£5£{2 UP}STARTING ADDRESS?
    {8 SPACES}{9 LEFT}";             :rem 143
215 INPUTS:F=1-F:C$=CHR$(31+119*F:rem 125
220 IFS<256OR(S>40960ANDS<49152)ORS>53247
    THENGOSUB3000:GOTO210            :rem 235
225 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT                :rem 180
230 PRINT"£5£{2 UP}ENDING ADDRESS?
    {8 SPACES}{9 LEFT}";:INPUTE:F=1-F:C$=
    CHR$(31+119*F)                   :rem 20
240 IFE<256OR(E>40960ANDE<49152)ORE>53247
    THENGOSUB3000:GOTO230            :rem 183
250 IFE<STHENPRINTC$;"{RVS}ENDING < START
    {2 SPACES}":GOSUB1000:GOTO 230
                                     :rem 176
260 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT                :rem 179
300 PRINT"{CLR}";CHR$(14):AD=S:POKEV+21,0
                                     :rem 225
310 PRINTRIGHT$("0000"+MID$(STR$(AD),2),5
    );":";:FORJ=1TO6                 :rem 234
320 GOSUB570:IFN=-1THENJ=J+N:GOTO320
                                     :rem 228
390 IFN=-211THEN 710                  :rem 62
400 IFN=-204THEN 790                  :rem 64
410 IFN=-206THENPRINT:INPUT"{DOWN}ENTER N
    EW ADDRESS";ZZ                    :rem 44
415 IFN=-206THENIFZZ<SORZZ>ETHENPRINT"
    {RVS}OUT OF RANGE":GOSUB1000:GOTO410
                                     :rem 225
417 IFN=-206THENAD=ZZ:PRINT:GOTO310
                                     :rem 238
420 IF N<>-196 THEN 480              :rem 133
430 PRINT:INPUT"DISPLAY:FROM";F:PRINT,"TO
    ";:INPUTT                        :rem 234
440 IFF<SORF>EORT<SORT>ETHENPRINT"AT LEAS
    T";S;"{LEFT}, NOT MORE THAN";E:GOTO43
    0                                :rem 159
450 FORI=FTOTSTEP6:PRINT:PRINTRIGHT$("000
    0"+MID$(STR$(I),2),5);":";       :rem 30
451 FORK=0TO5:N=PEEK(I+K):PRINTRIGHT$("00
    "+MID$(STR$(N),2),3);",";        :rem 66
460 GETA$:IFA$>""THENPRINT:PRINT:GOTO310
                                     :rem 25
470 NEXTK:PRINTCHR$(20);:NEXTI:PRINT:PRIN
    T:GOTO310                        :rem 50
480 IFN<0 THEN PRINT:GOTO310         :rem 168
490 A(J)=N:NEXTJ                     :rem 199
500 CKSUM=AD-INT(AD/256)*256:FORI=1TO6:CK
    SUM=(CKSUM+A(I))AND255:NEXT      :rem 200
510 PRINTCHR$(18);:GOSUB570:PRINTCHR$(20)
                                     :rem 234
515 IFN=CKSUMTHEN530                 :rem 255
520 PRINT:PRINT"LINE ENTERED WRONG : RE-E
    NTER":PRINT:GOSUB1000:GOTO310:rem 176
530 GOSUB2000                        :rem 218
540 FORI=1TO6:POKEAD+I-1,A(I):NEXT:POKE54
    272,0:POKE54273,0                :rem 227
550 AD=AD+6:IF AD<E THEN 310         :rem 212
560 GOTO 710                         :rem 108
570 N=0:Z=0                           :rem 88
580 PRINT"£+£";                      :rem 79
581 GETA$:IFA$=""THEN581              :rem 95
585 PRINTCHR$(20);:A=ASC(A$):IFA=13ORA=44
    ORA=32THEN670                    :rem 229
590 IFA>128THENN=-A:RETURN           :rem 137
600 IFA<>20 THEN 630                  :rem 10
610 GOSUB690:IFI=1ANDT=44THENN=-1:PRINT"
    {LEFT} {LEFT}";:GOTO690          :rem 172
620 GOTO570                          :rem 109
630 IFA<48ORA>57THEN580              :rem 105
640 PRINTA$;:N=N*10+A-48             :rem 106
650 IFN>255 THEN A=20:GOSUB1000:GOTO600
                                     :rem 229
660 Z=Z+1:IFZ<3THEN580                :rem 71
670 IFZ=0THENGOSUB1000:GOTO570       :rem 114
680 PRINT",";:RETURN                 :rem 240
690 S%=PEEK(209)+256*PEEK(210)+PEEK(211)
                                     :rem 149
691 FORI=1TO3:T=PEEK(S%-I)            :rem 67
695 IFT<>44ANDT<>58THENPOKES%-I,32:NEXT
                                     :rem 205
700 PRINTLEFT$("{3 LEFT}",I-1);:RETURN
                                       :rem 7
710 PRINT"{CLR}{RVS}*** SAVE ***{3 DOWN}"
                                     :rem 236
720 INPUT"{DOWN} FILENAME";F$        :rem 228
730 PRINT:PRINT"{2 DOWN}{RVS}T{OFF}APE OR
     {RVS}D{OFF}ISK: (T/D)"          :rem 228
740 GETA$:IFA$<>"T"ANDA$<>"D"THEN740
                                     :rem 36
750 DV=1-7*(A$="D"):IFDV=8THENF$="0:"+F$
                                     :rem 158
760 T$=F$:ZK=PEEK(53)+256*PEEK(54)-LEN(T$
    ):POKE782,ZK/256                  :rem 3
762 POKE781,ZK-PEEK(782)*256:POKE780,LEN(
    T$):SYS65469                     :rem 109
763 POKE780,1:POKE781,DV:POKE782,1:SYS654
    66                               :rem 69
765 POKE254,S/256:POKE253,S-PEEK(254)*256
    :POKE780,253                     :rem 12
766 POKE782,E/256:POKE781,E-PEEK(782)*256
    :SYS65496                        :rem 124
770 IF(PEEK(783)AND1)OR(ST AND191)THEN780
                                     :rem 111
775 PRINT"{DOWN}DONE.":END           :rem 106
780 PRINT"{DOWN}ERROR ON SAVE.{2 SPACES}T
    RY AGAIN.":IFDV=1THEN720         :rem 171
781 OPEN15,8,15:INPUT#15,E1$,E2$:PRINTE1$
    ;E2$:CLOSE15:GOTO720             :rem 103
790 PRINT"{CLR}{RVS}*** LOAD ***{2 DOWN}"
                                     :rem 212
800 INPUT"{2 DOWN} FILENAME";F$      :rem 244
810 PRINT:PRINT"{2 DOWN}{RVS}T{OFF}APE OR
     {RVS}D{OFF}ISK: (T/D)"          :rem 227
820 GETA$:IFA$<>"T"ANDA$<>"D"THEN820
                                     :rem 34
830 DV=1-7*(A$="D"):IFDV=8THENF$="0:"+F$
                                     :rem 157
840 T$=F$:ZK=PEEK(53)+256*PEEK(54)-LEN(T$
    ):POKE782,ZK/256                  :rem 2
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841 POKE781,ZK-PEEK(782)*256:POKE780,LEN(
    T$):SYS65469                    :rem 107
845 POKE780,1:POKE781,DV:POKE782,1:SYS654
    66                              :rem 70
850 POKE780,0:SYS65493              :rem 11
860 IF(PEEK(783)AND1)OR(ST AND191)THEN870
                                    :rem 111
865 PRINT"{DOWN}DONE.":GOTO310      :rem 96
870 PRINT"{DOWN}ERROR ON LOAD.{2 SPACES}T
    RY AGAIN.{DOWN}":IFDV=1THEN800
                                    :rem 172
880 OPEN15,8,15:INPUT#15,E1$,E2$:PRINTE1$
    ;E2$:CLOSE15:GOTO800            :rem 102
1000 REM BUZZER                     :rem 135
1001 POKE54296,15:POKE54277,45:POKE54278,
    165                             :rem 207
1002 POKE54276,33:POKE 54273,6:POKE54272,
    5                               :rem 42
1003 FORT=1TO200:NEXT:POKE54276,32:POKE54
    273,0:POKE54272,0:RETURN        :rem 202
2000 REM BELL SOUND                 :rem 78
2001 POKE54296,15:POKE54277,0:POKE54278,2
    47                              :rem 152
2002 POKE 54276,17:POKE54273,40:POKE54272
    ,0                              :rem 86
2003 FORT=1TO100:NEXT:POKE54276,16:RETURN
                                    :rem 57
3000 PRINTC$;"{RVS}NOT ZERO PAGE OR ROM":
    GOTO1000                        :rem 89
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Program 2: MLX—VIC Version

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100 PRINT"{CLR}{PUR}";CHR$(142);CHR$(8);
                                    :rem 181
101 POKE 788,194:REM DISABLE RUN/STOP
                                    :rem 174
110 PRINT"{RVS}{14 SPACES}"         :rem 117
120 PRINT"{RVS} {RIGHT}?{OFF}{*}£{RVS}
    {RIGHT} {RIGHT}{2 SPACES}{*}{OFF}
    {*}£{RVS}£{RVS} "               :rem 191
130 PRINT"{RVS} {RIGHT} {G}{RIGHT}
    {2 RIGHT} {OFF}£{RVS}£{*}{OFF}
    {*}{RVS} "                      :rem 232
140 PRINT"{RVS}{14 SPACES}"         :rem 120
200 PRINT"{2 DOWN}{PUR}{BLK}A FAILSAFE MA
    CHINE":PRINT"LANGUAGE EDITOR{5 DOWN}"
                                    :rem 141
210 PRINT"{BLK}{3 UP}STARTING ADDRESS":IN
    PUTS:F=1-F:C$=CHR$(31+119*F)    :rem 97
220 IFS<256ORS>32767THENGOSUB3000:GOTO210
                                      :rem 2
225 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT         :rem 123
230 PRINT"{BLK}{3 UP}ENDING ADDRESS":INPU
    TE:F=1-F:C$=CHR$(31+119*F)      :rem 158
240 IFE<256ORE>32767THENGOSUB3000:GOTO230
                                    :rem 234
250 IFE<STHENPRINTC$;"{RVS}ENDING < START
    {2 SPACES}":GOSUB1000:GOTO 230
                                    :rem 176
260 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT               :rem 179
300 PRINT"{CLR}";CHR$(14):AD=S      :rem 56
310 PRINTRIGHT$("0000"+MID$(STR$(AD),2),5
    );":";:FORJ=1TO6                :rem 234
320 GOSUB570:IFN=-1THENJ=J+N:GOTO320
                                    :rem 228
390 IFN=-211THEN 710                :rem 62
400 IFN=-204THEN 790                :rem 64
410 IFN=-206THENPRINT:INPUT"{DOWN}ENTER N
    EW ADDRESS";ZZ                  :rem 44
415 IFN=-206THENIFZZ<SORZZ>ETHENPRINT"
    {RVS}OUT OF RANGE":GOSUB1000:GOTO410
                                    :rem 225
417 IFN=-206THENAD=ZZ:PRINT:GOTO310
                                    :rem 238
420 IF N<>-196 THEN 480             :rem 133
430 PRINT:INPUT"DISPLAY:FROM";F:PRINT,"TO
    ";:INPUTT                       :rem 234
440 IFF<SORF>EORT<SORT>ETHENPRINT"AT LEAS
    T";S;"{LEFT}, NOT MORE THAN";E:GOTO43
    0                               :rem 159
450 FORI=FTOTSTEP6:PRINT:PRINTRIGHT$("000
    0"+MID$(STR$(I),2),5);":";      :rem 30
455 FORK=0TO5:N=PEEK(I+K):IFK=3THENPRINTS
    PC(10);                         :rem 34
457 PRINTRIGHT$("00"+MID$(STR$(N),2),3);"
    ,";                             :rem 157
460 GETA$:IFA$>""THENPRINT:PRINT:GOTO310
                                    :rem 25
470 NEXTK:PRINTCHR$(20);:NEXTI:PRINT:PRIN
    T:GOTO310                       :rem 50
480 IFN<0 THEN PRINT:GOTO310        :rem 168
490 A(J)=N:NEXTJ                    :rem 199
500 CKSUM=AD-INT(AD/256)*256:FORI=1TO6:CK
    SUM=(CKSUM+A(I))AND255:NEXT     :rem 200
510 PRINTCHR$(18);:GOSUB570:PRINTCHR$(20)
                                    :rem 234
515 IFN=CKSUMTHEN530                :rem 255
520 PRINT:PRINT"LINE ENTERED WRONG":PRINT
    "RE-ENTER":PRINT:GOSUB1000:GOTO310
                                    :rem 129
530 GOSUB2000                       :rem 218
540 FORI=1TO6:POKEAD+I-1,A(I):NEXT:rem 80
550 AD=AD+6:IF AD<E THEN 310        :rem 212
560 GOTO 710                        :rem 108
570 N=0:Z=0                          :rem 88
580 PRINT"{+}";                     :rem 79
581 GETA$:IFA$=""THEN581             :rem 95
585 PRINTCHR$(20);:A=ASC(A$):IFA=13ORA=44
    ORA=32THEN670                   :rem 229
590 IFA>128THENN=-A:RETURN          :rem 137
600 IFA<>20 THEN 630                 :rem 10
610 GOSUB690:IFI=1ANDT=44THENN=-1:PRINT"
    {LEFT} {LEFT}";:GOTO690         :rem 172
620 GOTO570                         :rem 109
630 IFA<48ORA>57THEN580             :rem 105
640 PRINTA$;:N=N*10+A-48            :rem 106
650 IFN>255 THEN A=20:GOSUB1000:GOTO600
                                    :rem 229
660 Z=Z+1:IFZ<3THEN580               :rem 71
670 IFZ=0THENGOSUB1000:GOTO570      :rem 114
680 PRINT",";:RETURN                :rem 240
690 S%=PEEK(209)+256*PEEK(210)+PEEK(211)
                                    :rem 149
692 FORI=1TO3:T=PEEK(S%-I)           :rem 68
695 IFT<>44ANDT<>58THENPOKES%-I,32:NEXT
                                    :rem 205
700 PRINTLEFT$("{3 LEFT}",I-1);:RETURN
                                      :rem 7
710 PRINT"{CLR}{RVS}*** SAVE ***{3 DOWN}"
                                    :rem 236
720 INPUT"{DOWN} FILENAME";F$       :rem 228
730 PRINT:PRINT"{2 DOWN}{RVS}T{OFF}APE OR
     {RVS}D{OFF}ISK: (T/D)"         :rem 228
740 GETA$:IFA$<>"T"ANDA$<>"D"THEN740
                                    :rem 36
750 DV=1-7*(A$="D"):IFDV=8THENF$="0:"+F$
                                    :rem 158
760 T$=F$:ZK=PEEK(53)+256*PEEK(54)-LEN(T$
    ):POKE782,ZK/256                :rem 3
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762 POKE781,ZK-PEEK(782)*256:POKE780,LEN(
    T$):SYS65469                    :rem 109
763 POKE780,1:POKE781,DV:POKE782,1:SYS654
    66                              :rem 69
765 POKE254,S/256:POKE253,S-PEEK(254)*256
    :POKE780,253                    :rem 12
766 POKE782,E/256:POKE781,E-PEEK(782)*256
    :SYS65496                       :rem 124
770 IF(PEEK(783)AND1)OR(ST AND191)THEN780
                                    :rem 111
775 PRINT"{DOWN}DONE.":END          :rem 106
780 PRINT"{DOWN}ERROR ON SAVE.{2 SPACES}T
    RY AGAIN.":IFDV=1THEN720        :rem 171
781 OPEN15,8,15:INPUT#15,E1$,E2$:PRINTE1$
    ;E2$:CLOSE15:GOTO720            :rem 103
782 GOTO720                         :rem 115
790 PRINT"{CLR}{RVS}*** LOAD ***{2 DOWN}"
                                    :rem 212
800 INPUT"{2 DOWN} FILENAME";F$     :rem 244
810 PRINT:PRINT"{2 DOWN}{RVS}T{OFF}APE OR
     {RVS}D{OFF}ISK: (T/D)"         :rem 227
820 GETA$:IFA$<>"T"ANDA$<>"D"THEN820
                                    :rem 34
830 DV=1-7*(A$="D"):IFDV=8THENF$="0:"+F$
                                    :rem 157
840 T$=F$:ZK=PEEK(53)+256*PEEK(54)-LEN(T$
    ):POKE782,ZK/256                :rem 2
841 POKE781,ZK-PEEK(782)*256:POKE780,LEN(
    T$):SYS65469                    :rem 107
845 POKE780,1:POKE781,DV:POKE782,1:SYS654
    66                              :rem 70
850 POKE780,0:SYS65493              :rem 11
860 IF(PEEK(783)AND1)OR(ST AND191)THEN870
                                    :rem 111
865 PRINT"{DOWN}DONE.":GOTO310      :rem 96
870 PRINT"{DOWN}ERROR ON LOAD.{2 SPACES}T
    RY AGAIN.{DOWN}":IFDV=1THEN800
                                    :rem 172
880 OPEN15,8,15:INPUT#15,E1$,E2$:PRINTE1$
    ;E2$:CLOSE15:GOTO800            :rem 102
1000 REM BUZZER                     :rem 135
1001 POKE36878,15:POKE36874,190     :rem 206
1002 FORW=1TO300:NEXTW              :rem 117
1003 POKE36878,0:POKE36874,0:RETURN
                                    :rem 74
2000 REM BELL SOUND                 :rem 78
2001 FORW=15TO0STEP-1:POKE36878,W:POKE368
     76,240:NEXTW                   :rem 22
2002 POKE36876,0:RETURN             :rem 119
3000 PRINTC$;"{RVS}NOT ZERO PAGE OR ROM":
     GOTO1000                       :rem 89
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BEFORE TYPING...

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1 BO=254:SC=246:CH=14               :rem 170
5 POKE53280,BO:POKE53281,SC:POKE646,CH
                                    :rem 17
7 PRINT"{CLR}";TAB(10);"{RVS} ELECTRONIC
  {SPACE}NOTEPAD ",TAB(6)"{DOWN} LOADING
  {SPACE}DATA...PLEASE WAIT"        :rem 83
10 B=885:C=998:FORA=BTOC:READD:POKEA,D:NE
   XT                               :rem 221
12 B=49152:C=49407:FORA=BTOC:READD:POKEA,
   D:NEXT                           :rem 157
14 B=679:C=753:FORA=BTOC:READD:POKEA,D:NE
   XT                               :rem 215
16 PRINT"{CLR}{DOWN} ENTER 2 SECRET CODES
    (0-255):":PRINT"{DOWN} (SEPERATE EACH
    BY A COMMA)"                    :rem 100
17 PRINT"{DOWN} (ENTER 0'S IF NO SECRET C
   ODE){2 DOWN}":POKE646,PEEK(53281):INPU
   TA,B                             :rem 25
19 POKE646,CH:IFA<0ORA>255ORB<0ORB>255THE
   N16                              :rem 196
20 POKE249,A:POKE250,B:A=0:B=0:SYS679
                                    :rem 187
22 PRINT"{CLR}{DOWN} {RVS}D{OFF}ISK OR
   {RVS}T{OFF}APE?"                 :rem 86
23 GETA$:IFA$=""THEN23              :rem 237
24 IFA$="D"THEN30                   :rem 177
25 IFA$="T"THEN29                   :rem 202
26 GOTO22                            :rem 5
29 POKE49303,1:POKE49305,1:POKE49307,255:
   POKE49177,1:POKE49179,1          :rem 163
30 PRINT"{CLR}";TAB(10);"{RVS} ELECTRONIC
    NOTEPAD "                       :rem 15
40 PRINT"{2 DOWN}{3 SPACES}FUNCTION";TAB(
   30);"PRESS"                      :rem 143
45 PRINT"{3 SPACES}{8 T}";TAB(30);"
   {5 T}"                          :rem 198
50 PRINT"{2 DOWN} VIEW NOTEPAD PAGE";TAB(
   31);"F1"                         :rem 120
55 PRINT"{DOWN} CREATE NOTEPAD PAGE";TAB(
   31);"F3"                         :rem 231
60 PRINT"{DOWN} VIEW DISK DIRECTORY";TAB(
   31);"F5"                         :rem 36
65 PRINT"{DOWN} CHANGE PROGRAM OPTIONS";T
   AB(31);"F6"                      :rem 249
70 PRINT"{DOWN} END PROGRAM";TAB(31);"F8"
                                    :rem 252
75 GETA$:IFA$="{F1}"THEN200         :rem 166
80 IFA$="{F3}"THEN600               :rem 40
85 IFA$="{F5}"THEN400               :rem 44
86 IFA$="{F8}"THENPRINT"{CLR}":CLR:POKE24
   9,0:POKE250,0:END                :rem 238
87 IFA$="{F6}"THENRESTORE:GOTO1     :rem 102
90 GOTO75                           :rem 14
200 PRINT"{CLR}"                    :rem 246
210 SYS49152                        :rem 151
215 GOSUB500                        :rem 173
220 GETA$:IFA$=""ORA$="←"THEN220    :rem 49
230 GOTO30                          :rem 49
400 PRINT"{CLR}"                    :rem 248
405 IFPEEK(49303)=1THEN450          :rem 215
410 SYS885                          :rem 57
420 PRINTTAB(7);"{RVS}(PRESS ANY KEY)"
                                    :rem 194
430 GETA$:IFA$=""THEN430            :rem 81
440 GOTO30                          :rem 52
450 PRINT"{DOWN} NO DIRECTORY AVAILABLE":
    PRINT"{DOWN} PROGRAM IN {RVS}TAPE
    {OFF} MODE"                     :rem 12
460 PRINT"{2 DOWN} {RVS} (PRESS ANY KEY)
    {SPACE}"                        :rem 78
470 GETA$:IFA$=""THEN470            :rem 89
480 GOTO30                          :rem 56
500 CLOSE15:OPEN15,8,15:INPUT#15,A,B$,C,D
    :IFA>21THEN510                  :rem 218
505 RETURN                          :rem 122
510 PRINT:PRINT"{DOWN}{3 SPACES}{RVS} *DI
    SK ERROR* ":PRINT"{DOWN}{3 SPACES}
    {RVS} ";B$                      :rem 41
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515 RETURN                              :rem 123
600 PRINT"{CLR}";TAB(9);"{RVS} CREATE NOT
    EPAD PAGE "                         :rem 3
605 PRINT"{2 DOWN} PRESS {RVS}F1{OFF} TO
    {SPACE}SAVE PAGE."                  :rem 83
610 PRINT"{DOWN} PRESS {RVS}F8{OFF} TO AB
    ORT PAGE."                          :rem 142
615 PRINT"{2 DOWN} (PRESS ANY KEY)"
                                        :rem 62
620 GETA$:IFA$=""THEN620                :rem 83
622 PRINT"{CLR}";                       :rem 57
625 GETA$:IFA$=""THENPRINT"{P} {2 LEFT}
    ";:GOTO625                          :rem 197
630 IFA$="{LEFT}"THEN625                :rem 119
635 IFA$="{RIGHT}"THEN625               :rem 252
636 IFA$="{HOME}"THENGOTO625            :rem 44
637 IFA$=CHR$(34)THEN625                :rem 86
638 IFA$="←"THENPRINT" {LEFT}";:GOTO625
                                        :rem 93
640 IFA$="{UP}"THENPRINT" {LEFT}{UP}";:GO
    TO625                               :rem 25
645 IFA$="{DOWN}"THENPRINT" {LEFT}{DOWN}"
    ;:GOTO625                           :rem 30
646 IFA$=CHR$(13)THENPRINT" ";CHR$(13);:G
    OTO625                              :rem 195
650 IFA$="{F1}"THEN680                  :rem 98
655 IFA$="{F8}"THEN30                   :rem 51
675 PRINTA$;" {LEFT}";:GOTO625          :rem 251
680 PRINT" ";:POKE648,60:POKE53272,245:SY
    S49278                              :rem 193
685 GOSUB500:IFA<21THENPOKE648,4:POKE5327
    2,21:GOTO30                         :rem 146
690 PRINT"{DOWN} {RVS} (PRESS ANY KEY) "
                                        :rem 66
695 GETA$:IFA$=""THEN695                :rem 107
697 POKE648,4:POKE53272,21:SYS49374:GOTO6
    25                                  :rem 38
885 DATA 169,001,162,008,160,000        :rem 36
891 DATA 032,186,255,169,002,162        :rem 51
897 DATA 224,160,003,032,189,255        :rem 51
903 DATA 032,192,255,162,001,032        :rem 30
909 DATA 198,255,032,207,255,032        :rem 53
915 DATA 207,255,032,207,255,032        :rem 41
921 DATA 207,255,240,058,032,204        :rem 37
927 DATA 255,032,228,255,201,032        :rem 41
933 DATA 208,005,032,228,255,240        :rem 39
939 DATA 251,162,001,032,198,255        :rem 48
945 DATA 032,207,255,072,032,207        :rem 41
951 DATA 255,168,104,170,152,032        :rem 42
957 DATA 205,189,169,032,032,210        :rem 49
963 DATA 255,032,207,255,240,006        :rem 42
969 DATA 032,210,255,076,196,003        :rem 50
975 DATA 169,013,032,210,255,076        :rem 48
981 DATA 149,003,169,001,032,195        :rem 46
987 DATA 255,032,204,255,096,036        :rem 57
993 DATA 048,013,013,013,013,013        :rem 27
49152 DATA32,54,192, 160, 0, 162, 0, 32
                                        :rem 178
49160 DATA207,255,201,13,240,8,157, 240
                                        :rem 127
49168 DATA193,232,200,76,7,192, 152, 72
                                        :rem 97
49176 DATA169,8,162,8, 160, 1, 32, 186
                                        :rem 206
49184 DATA255,104,162,240,160,193,32,189
                                        :rem 243
49192 DATA255,169,0,162, 0, 160, 4, 32
                                        :rem 188
49200 DATA213,255,96,234,234,234,162, 0
                                        :rem 130
49208 DATA173,134,2,157,0,216,232, 208
                                        :rem 81
49216 DATA250,238,61,192,172,61,192,192
                                        :rem 196
49224 DATA220,208,235,169,216,141,61,192
                                        :rem 237
49232 DATA162,0,189,94,192,32,210, 255
                                        :rem 90
49240 DATA232,224,29,208,245,96,13, 17
                                        :rem 91
49248 DATA69,78,84,69, 82, 32, 78, 79
                                        :rem 192
49256 DATA84,69,80, 65, 68, 32, 80, 65
                                        :rem 172
49264 DATA71,69,32, 78, 65, 77, 69, 32
                                        :rem 175
49272 DATA32,32,13,234,234,234, 32, 187
                                        :rem 84
49280 DATA192,160,0,162,0, 32, 207, 255
                                        :rem 27
49288 DATA201,13,240,8,157,240,194, 232
                                        :rem 138
49296 DATA200,76,133,192,152,72,169, 8
                                        :rem 103
49304 DATA162,8,160,0,32,186,255,104
                                        :rem 31
49312 DATA162,240,160,194,32,189,255,169
                                        :rem 248
49320 DATA0,133,251,169,4,133,252, 169
                                        :rem 83
49328 DATA251,162,255,160,7,32,216, 255
                                        :rem 141
49336 DATA234,234,234,162,0,189,201,192
                                        :rem 188
49344 DATA32,210,255,232,224,18,208,245
                                        :rem 183
49352 DATA96,147,13, 69, 78, 84, 69, 82
                                        :rem 231
49360 DATA32,70,73, 76, 69, 32, 78, 65
                                        :rem 165
49368 DATA77,69,13,234,234,0, 173, 134
                                        :rem 50
49376 DATA2,162,0,157,0, 216, 232, 208
                                        :rem 237
49384 DATA250,172,229,192,192,219,240,7
                                        :rem 201
49392 DATA200,140,229,192,76,222,192,169
                                        :rem 248
49400 DATA216,141,229,192,96,234,234,0
                                        :rem 136
60679 DATA120,169,188,141,20, 3, 169, 2
                                        :rem 43
60687 DATA141,21,3,88,169, 0, 133, 253
                                        :rem 246
60695 DATA169,4,133,254,96,165,197, 201
                                        :rem 157
60703 DATA57,240,3,76,49,234, 160, 0
                                        :rem 189
60711 DATA177,253,69,249,145,253,200,177
                                        :rem 249
60719 DATA253,69,250,145,253,200,234,208
                                        :rem 238
60727 DATA239,230,254,165,254,201,8,208
                                        :rem 190
60735 DATA229,169,4,133,254,160, 0, 162
                                        :rem 86
60743 DATA0,232,208,253,200,208,250, 76
                                        :rem 125
60751 DATA 49, 234, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
                                        :rem 119
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Program 1:

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100 RESTORE                          :rem 181
110 GOTO150                          :rem 97
120 WX=INT(255-W):IFWX<160THENWX=160
                                     :rem 216
130 POKE53250,WX:POKE53251,ABS(W-25)
                                     :rem 68
140 POKE53286,7:POKE53286,2:RETURN:rem 24
150 PRINT"{CLR}":POKE53280,6:POKE53281,6
                                     :rem 149
160 FORW=0TO10:READR$(W):NEXTW       :rem 138
170 DATA"STARTER"                    :rem 27
180 DATA"BEGINNER"                   :rem 65
190 DATA"LEARNER"                    :rem 1
200 DATA"FLYER"                      :rem 114
210 DATA"LEADER"                     :rem 158
220 DATA"ACE"                        :rem 187
230 DATA"LIEUTENANT"                 :rem 236
240 DATA"GENERAL"                    :rem 242
250 DATA"COMMODORE"                  :rem 154
260 DATA"FLEET COMMANDER"            :rem 252
270 DATA"HAN SOLO ?????????"         :rem 66
280 PRINT"{HOME}{5 DOWN}";SPC(15);"{WHT}6
    4-CANYON"                        :rem 142
290 PRINT                            :rem 40
300 PRINT"{HOME}{9 DOWN}";SPC(11);"{RVS}I
    NSTRUCTIONS (Y/N)"               :rem 81
310 FORW=1TO200:NEXTW                :rem 69
320 PRINT"{HOME}{9 DOWN}";SPC(11);"INSTRU
    CTIONS (Y/N)"                    :rem 65
330 FORW=1TO200:NEXTW                :rem 71
340 GETZ$:IFZ$=""THEN300             :rem 127
350 POKE53280,0:POKE53281,0          :rem 237
360 IFZ$="Y"THEN1540                 :rem 121
370 PRINT"{HOME}{5 DOWN}";SPC(15);"{4}6
    4-CANYON"                        :rem 32
380 PRINT                            :rem 40
390 PRINT"{HOME}{9 DOWN}";SPC(11);"
    {18 SPACES}"                     :rem 108
400 FORW=1TO50:P=INT(RND(TI)*1000)+1024:I
    FPEEK(P)=32THENPOKEP,46:POKEP+54272,1
                                     :rem 180
410 NEXTW                            :rem 43
420 POKE53271,0:POKE53277,0          :rem 240
430 FORW=12288TO12350:READN:POKEW,N:NEXTW
                                     :rem 99
440 FORW=12352TO12414:READN:POKEW,N:NEXTW
                                     :rem 93
450 POKE53276,PEEK(53276)OR2↑0+2↑1:REM SE
    T MULTI COLOR MODE               :rem 254
460 POKE53285,8:POKE53286,2:POKE53287,6:R
    EM SET COLORS                    :rem 179
470 POKE53248,0:POKE53249,0          :rem 248
480 POKE53264,PEEK(53264)AND(255-(2↑0+2↑1
    ))                               :rem 95
490 POKE2040,192:POKE2041,193        :rem 83
500 POKE53269,PEEK(53269)OR(2↑0+2↑1)
                                     :rem 22
510 POKE53275,0                      :rem 39
520 FORW=20TO160STEP2:POKE53248,W:POKE532
    49,W:GOSUB120:NEXTW              :rem 30
530 FORW=160TO180STEP2:POKE53249,PEEK(532
    49)+3:GOSUB120:NEXTW             :rem 232
540 PRINT"{HOME}{19 DOWN}{YEL}{RVS}";SPC(
    13);"GET READY..."               :rem 164
550 FORW=181TO255STEP2:L=PEEK(53249)+2:PO
    KE53249,(L)*((L>255)+1):GOSUB120:NEXT
                                     :rem 70
560 FORW=235TO255:POKE53251,W:GOSUB140:NE
    XTW                              :rem 250
570 GOTO740                          :rem 112
580 REM ** DATA FOR THE SHIP **      :rem 63
590 DATA 3, 0, 192, 15, 195, 240, 67, 0,
    {SPACE}193                       :rem 236
600 DATA 170, 170, 170, 171, 85, 234, 42,
     150, 168                        :rem 18
610 DATA 42, 150, 168, 26, 170, 164, 34,
    {SPACE}170, 136                  :rem 224
620 DATA 32, 170, 8, 32, 40, 8, 48, 40, 1
    2                                :rem 123
630 DATA 0, 40, 0, 0, 40, 0, 0, 60, 0
                                     :rem 97
640 DATA 0, 20, 0, 0, 40, 0, 0, 0, 0
                                     :rem 42
650 DATA 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
                                     :rem 197
660 REM ** DATA FOR THE ASTEROID **
                                     :rem 101
670 DATA 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0
                                     :rem 200
680 DATA 15, 92, 208, 0, 253, 252, 63, 20
    7, 253                           :rem 130
690 DATA 63, 223, 255, 12, 252, 252, 63,
    {SPACE}245, 60                   :rem 180
700 DATA 7, 127, 112, 15, 208, 245, 12, 1
    24, 127                          :rem 165
710 DATA 19, 255, 252, 55, 255, 220, 63,
    {SPACE}197, 244                  :rem 239
720 DATA 13, 63, 204, 15, 31, 76, 3, 61,
    {SPACE}240                       :rem 221
730 DATA 0, 3, 192, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
                                     :rem 51
740 GOTO910:REM ** RUN THE GAME **:rem 36
750 DATA"{6}{RVS} {OFF}{K}{3 SPACES}
    {RVS}{K} {OFF}"                  :rem 29
760 DATA"{5}{RVS} {OFF}{K}{3 SPACES}
    {RVS}{K} {OFF}"                  :rem 29
770 DATA"{4}{RVS} {OFF}{K}{4 SPACES}
    {RVS}{K} {OFF}"                  :rem 29
780 DATA"{3}{RVS} {OFF}{K}{5 SPACES}
    {RVS}{K} {OFF}"                  :rem 29
790 DATA"{2}{RVS} {OFF}{K}{6 SPACES}
    {RVS}{K} {OFF}"                  :rem 29
800 DATA"{1}{RVS} {OFF}{K}{7 SPACES}
    {RVS}{K} {OFF}"                  :rem 1
810 DATA"{YEL}{RVS} {OFF}{K}{8 SPACES}
    {RVS}{K} {OFF}"                  :rem 31
820 DATA"{BLU}{RVS} {OFF}{K}{9 SPACES}
    {RVS}{K} {OFF}"                  :rem 161
830 DATA"{7}{RVS} {L}{OFF}{3 SPACES}
    {RVS}{K} {OFF}"                  :rem 50
840 DATA"{5}{RVS} {L}{OFF}{3 SPACES}
    {RVS}{K} {OFF}"                  :rem 49
850 DATA"{4}{RVS} {L}{OFF}{4 SPACES}
    {RVS}{K} {OFF}"                  :rem 49
860 DATA"{3}{RVS} {L}{OFF}{5 SPACES}
    {RVS}{K} {OFF}"                  :rem 49
870 DATA"{2}{RVS} {L}{OFF}{6 SPACES}
    {RVS}{K} {OFF}"                  :rem 49
880 DATA"{1}{RVS} {OFF}{K}{7 SPACES}
    {RVS}{H} {OFF}"                  :rem 28
890 DATA"{YEL}{RVS} {OFF}{K}{8 SPACES}
    {RVS}{H} {OFF}"                  :rem 58
900 DATA"{BLU}{RVS} {OFF}{K}{9 SPACES}
    {RVS}{H} {OFF}"                  :rem 179
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910 FORW=53248TO53264:POKEW,0:NEXTW
                                    :rem 174
920 PRINT"{CLR}{2 DOWN}";SPC(15);"{RED}
    {RVS}{A}+++++{S}"              :rem 75
930 POKE53271,2:POKE53277,2         :rem 250
940 POKE53275,253                   :rem 152
950 FORW=1TO10                      :rem 78
960 PRINTSPC(15);"{RED}{RVS}-{Q}{OFF}
    {3 SPACES}{RVS}{W}{RED}{RVS}-{OFF}"
                                    :rem 242
970 NEXTW                           :rem 54
980 PRINT"{RED}{RVS}{4 SPACES}{PUR}{OFF}T
    IME: 5{RED}{RVS}{2 SPACES}{A}{R}+
    {X}{OFF}{3 SPACES}{RVS}{Z}+{R}
    {S}{16 SPACES}"                :rem 32
990 PRINT"{UP}";:FORW=1TO10:PRINTSPC(12);
    "{RED}{RVS} {Q}{OFF}{9 SPACES}{RVS}
    {W} {OFF}":NEXTW               :rem 155
1000 POKE53248,160:POKE53249,74     :rem 192
1010 PRINT"{HOME}"                  :rem 166
1020 TI$="000005"                   :rem 42
1030 PRINT"{HOME}{13 DOWN}{9 RIGHT}{PUR}"
     ;                              :rem 97
1040 A1=INT(10-VAL(TI$)):PRINTA1    :rem 108
1050 IFA1<>0THEN1030                :rem 100
1060 LDP=53248                      :rem 234
1070 FORSYP=74TO140:POKE53249,SYP:GOSUB14
     0:NEXTSYP                      :rem 231
1080 PRINT"{HOME}{23 DOWN}";        :rem 111
1090 FORW=0TO7:READC$(W):NEXTW      :rem 132
1100 FORW=0TO7:READBC$(W):NEXTW     :rem 190
1110 TL=12:C$=C$(7):BC$=BC$(7)      :rem 33
1120 GOSUB1440:TI$="000000"         :rem 169
1130 C$=C$(ABS(LEN(C$)-11))         :rem 110
1140 E=PEEK(53279)AND2↑0:IFE=1THEN1290
                                    :rem 210
1150 IFTI>800THENC$=C$((LEN(C$)-12)):BC$=
     BC$((LEN(C$)-11)):GOTO1460     :rem 155
1160 IFINT(RND(TI)*100)<20THENC$=BC$
                                    :rem 58
1170 IFINT(RND(TI)*100)=4THENGOSUB1440
                                    :rem 10
1180 TL=ABS(TL+((INT(RND(TI)*3)-1)))
                                    :rem 4
1190 TL=TL-(1*((TL<(40-LEN(C$)))+1))
                                    :rem 116
1200 TL=TL*((TL<0)+1)               :rem 116
1210 PRINT:PRINTSPC(TL);C$;         :rem 204
1220 IFAS=1THEN1470                 :rem 81
1230 P=PEEK(203):IFP=45THEN1280     :rem 23
1240 IFP=50THEN1270                 :rem 65
1250 P=PEEK(56320)AND12:IFP=8THEN1280
                                    :rem 137
1260 IFP<>4THEN1290                 :rem 81
1270 GOSUB140:POKELD,PEEK(LD)+2:POKELD,PE
     EK(LD)+3:GOTO1130              :rem 40
1280 GOSUB140:POKELD,PEEK(LD)-2:POKELD,PE
     EK(LD)-3:GOTO1130              :rem 45
1290 E=PEEK(53279)AND2↑0:IFE=0THEN1150
                                    :rem 210
1300 PRINT"{UP}{YEL}":PRINTSPC(TL);"{RVS}
     YOU CRASHED!"                  :rem 11
1310 R=R+INT(TI/400):IFR>10THENR=10
                                    :rem 70
1320 FORW=0TO150STEP2:GOSUB140:POKE2040,W
     :POKE2040,192:GOSUB140         :rem 95
1325 POKE2041,W:NEXT                :rem 189
1330 POKE53280,0:POKE53281,0        :rem 28
1340 PRINTSPC(6)"{RVS}YOUR RATING: ";R$(R
     )                              :rem 186
1350 FORW=1TO10:GETZ$:NEXTW         :rem 225
1360 GETZ$:IFZ$=":"ORZ$=";"ORZ$=""THEN136
     0                              :rem 158
1370 POKE53251,0                    :rem 86
1380 POKE2040,192:FORW=PEEK(53249)TO120ST
     EP-1:POKE53249,W:GOSUB140:NEXTW
                                    :rem 157
1390 POKE53248,ABS(PEEK(53248)-10):POKE53
     275,0                          :rem 42
1400 POKE53277,1:POKE53271,1:FORW=PEEK(53
     249)TO0STEP-1:POKE53249,W:GOSUB140
                                    :rem 2
1405 NEXT                           :rem 9
1410 RUN                            :rem 187
1420 POKE53287,PEEK(53287)+1        :rem 6
1430 TI$="000000":R=R+2:IFR>10THENR=10
                                    :rem 123
1440 IFAS=1THEN1210                 :rem 77
1450 AS=1:POKE53250,ABS(PEEK(53248)-20):P
     OKE53251,255:RETURN            :rem 221
1460 GOSUB1420:GOTO1210             :rem 73
1470 POKE53251,PEEK(53251)-5        :rem 255
1480 POKE53251,PEEK(53251)-5        :rem 0
1490 POKE53251,PEEK(53251)-5        :rem 1
1500 POKE53251,PEEK(53251)-5        :rem 249
1510 POKE53250,PEEK(53250)-(5-INT(RND(TI)
     *10))                          :rem 15
1520 IFPEEK(53251)<20THENPOKE53251,0:AS=0
                                    :rem 96
1530 GOTO1230                       :rem 200
1540 PRINT"{CLR}{DOWN} YOU ARE THE PILOT
     {SPACE}OF A NEW SPACESHIP."    :rem 11
1550 PRINT"{DOWN}YOU MUST TEST THE CRAFT
     {SPACE}TO ITS LIMITS."         :rem 23
1560 PRINT"{DOWN}YOU CAN FLY USING THE :
     {SPACE}AND ; KEYS,"            :rem 127
1570 PRINT"{DOWN}OR USE A JOYSTICK (PORT
     {SPACE}2)."                    :rem 228
1580 PRINT"{DOWN} THE SHIP WILL CHANGE CO
     LOR TO WARN OF"                :rem 146
1590 PRINT"{DOWN}CHANGES IN THE CANYON SI
     ZE."                           :rem 83
1610 PRINT"{DOWN} AT THE END OF YOUR FLIG
     HT YOU WILL BE"                :rem 85
1620 PRINT"{DOWN}RANKED. YOU MUST NOT HIT
      THE SIDES OF"                 :rem 152
1630 PRINT"{DOWN}THE CANYON, BUT ASTEROID
     S WILL FLY BY."                :rem 6
1640 PRINT"{DOWN} {WHT}GOOD LUCK!{5} (H
     IT A KEY TO RESTART)"          :rem 235
1650 WAIT198,1:GETZ$:PRINT"{CLR}";:RUN
                                    :rem 160
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Program 2:

Canyon Cruiser—VIC Initialization

If using tape rather than disk, line 30 should read:

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30 PRINT"LO";CHR$(34);"VIC-CANYON.PRG"
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10 POKE52,28:POKE56,28:CLR          :rem 18
15 FORI=7168TO7679:POKEI,PEEK(25600+I):NE
   XTI                              :rem 176
20 FORX=0TO19                       :rem 27
21 READC                            :rem 194
22 FORD=0TO7:READE:POKE7168+C*8+D,E:NEXTD
                                    :rem 29
23 NEXTX                            :rem 252
30 PRINT"LO";CHR$(34);"VIC-CANYON.PRG";CH
   R$(34);",8"                      :rem 135
40 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"RU
   N"                               :rem 13
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50 PRINT"{9 UP}";                          :rem 138
60 END                                     :rem 61
63000 DATA033,231,231,231,000,000,231,231
      ,231                                 :rem 173
63001 DATA034,231,231,231,231,231,231,231
      ,231                                 :rem 187
63002 DATA035,000,003,007,055,127,127,127
      ,063                                 :rem 200
63003 DATA036,000,192,248,248,252,124,238
      ,254                                 :rem 223
63004 DATA037,123,127,063,061,063,015,003
      ,000                                 :rem 195
63005 DATA038,254,238,124,252,248,248,192
      ,000                                 :rem 227
63006 DATA042,214,124,254,186,186,146,016
      ,016                                 :rem 223
63007 DATA043,000,000,000,000,000,000,000
      ,000                                 :rem 145
63008 DATA044,255,255,255,255,255,255,255
      ,255                                 :rem 243
63009 DATA047,224,224,224,224,224,224,224
      ,224                                 :rem 215
63010 DATA048,240,240,240,240,240,240,240
      ,240                                 :rem 192
63011 DATA049,231,231,231,007,007,231,231
      ,231                                 :rem 196
63012 DATA050,231,231,231,224,224,231,231
      ,231                                 :rem 191
63013 DATA051,231,231,231,224,224,255,255
      ,255                                 :rem 211
63014 DATA052,231,231,231,007,007,255,255
      ,255                                 :rem 211
63015 DATA053,255,255,255,000,000,231,231
      ,231                                 :rem 199
63016 DATA054,255,255,255,255,255,000,000
      ,000                                 :rem 207
63017 DATA055,255,255,255,224,224,231,231
      ,231                                 :rem 219
63018 DATA056,255,255,255,007,007,231,231
      ,231                                 :rem 219
63019 DATA057,007,007,007,007,007,007,007
      ,007                                 :rem 209
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Program 3:

Canyon Cruiser—VIC Main Program

This program should be SAVEd as VIC-CANYON.PRG (see line 30 of Program 2).

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90 POKE36869,240                           :rem 106
100 PRINT"{WHT}"                           :rem 103
110 GOTO150                                 :rem 97
120 WX=INT(255-W):IFWX<160THENWX=160
                                           :rem 216
150 PRINT"{CLR}"                           :rem 250
160 FORW=0TO10:READR$(W):NEXTW             :rem 138
170 DATA"STARTER"                           :rem 27
180 DATA"BEGINNER"                          :rem 65
190 DATA"LEARNER"                            :rem 1
200 DATA"FLYER"                            :rem 114
210 DATA"LEADER"                           :rem 158
220 DATA"ACE"                              :rem 187
230 DATA"LIEUTENANT"                       :rem 236
240 DATA"GENERAL"                          :rem 242
250 DATA"COMMODORE"                        :rem 154
260 DATA"FLEET COMMANDER"                  :rem 252
270 DATA"HAN SOLO ?????????"                :rem 66
350 POKE36879,8                             :rem 60
370 PRINT"{HOME}{4 DOWN}{6 SPACES}VIC-CAN
    YON"                                   :rem 153
380 PRINT                                   :rem 40
400 FORW=1TO50:P=INT(RND(TI)*506)+7680:IF
    PEEK(P)=32THENPOKEP,46:POKEP+30720,1
                                           :rem 148
410 NEXTW                                   :rem 43
540 PRINT"{BLU}{HOME}{18 DOWN}{RVS}";SPC(
    5);"GET READY..."                      :rem 229
580 TI$="000005"                             :rem 4
590 PRINT"{HOME}{11 DOWN}{RED}{8 SPACES}
    {RVS}TIME 5{2 LEFT}";                  :rem 68
600 A1=INT(10-VAL(TI$)):PRINTA1;"{3 LEFT}
    ";                                     :rem 206
610 IFA1<>0THEN600                           :rem 7
740 GOTO920:REM ** RUN THE GAME **:rem 37
750 DATA"{WHT},/{4 SPACES}9,{3 SPACES}"
                                           :rem 191
760 DATA"{CYN},/{4 SPACES}9,{3 SPACES}"
                                            :rem 90
770 DATA"{PUR},/{5 SPACES}9,{3 SPACES}"
                                            :rem 88
780 DATA"{GRN},/{6 SPACES}9,{3 SPACES}"
                                           :rem 219
790 DATA"{BLU},/{7 SPACES}9,{3 SPACES}"
                                           :rem 221
800 DATA"{YEL},/{8 SPACES}9,{3 SPACES}"
                                            :rem 84
810 DATA"{RED},/{9 SPACES}9,{3 SPACES}"
                                           :rem 211
820 DATA"{WHT},/{10 SPACES}9,{3 SPACES}"
                                           :rem 189
830 DATA"{WHT},/{4 SPACES}9,{3 SPACES}"
                                           :rem 190
840 DATA"{CYN},/{4 SPACES}9,{3 SPACES}"
                                            :rem 89
850 DATA"{PUR},/{5 SPACES}9,{3 SPACES}"
                                            :rem 87
860 DATA"{GRN},/{6 SPACES}9,{3 SPACES}"
                                           :rem 218
870 DATA"{BLU},/{7 SPACES}9,{3 SPACES}"
                                           :rem 220
880 DATA"{YEL},/{8 SPACES}9,{3 SPACES}"
                                            :rem 92
890 DATA"{RED},/{9 SPACES}9,{3 SPACES}"
                                           :rem 219
900 DATA"{WHT},/{10 SPACES}9,{3 SPACES}"
                                           :rem 188
920 PRINT"{CLR}":PRINT"{UP}";:POKE36869,2
    55                                      :rem 23
925 PRINTSPC(9);"{RED}7!!!8"                :rem 10
950 FORW=1TO10                              :rem 78
960 PRINTSPC(9);"{RED}";CHR$(34);"2 1";CH
    R$(34)                                   :rem 1
970 NEXTW                                   :rem 54
980 PRINT"{RED},,,,,,,75!4 3!58,,,,,,";
                                           :rem 135
990 FORW=1TO10:PRINTSPC(6);"{RED},2
    {7 SPACES}1,":NEXTW                    :rem 172
1000 POKE7713,42:POKE38433,4                :rem 34
1020 TI$="000005"                           :rem 42
1070 FOR SYP=55TO297STEP22:POKE38400+SYP-
     22,0:POKE7680+SYP-22,32                :rem 58
1075 POKE38400+SYP,4:POKE7680+SYP,42:NEXT
      SYP:SP=297:AB=32:CB=0                 :rem 53
1080 PRINT"{HOME}{20 DOWN}";                :rem 60
1090 FORW=0TO7:READC$(W):NEXTW              :rem 132
1100 FORW=0TO7:READBC$(W):NEXTW             :rem 190
1110 TL=6:C$=C$(7):BC$=BC$(7)               :rem 244
1120 GOSUB1440:TI$="000000"                 :rem 169
1130 C$=C$(ABS(LEN(C$)-11))                 :rem 110
1150 IFTI>800THENC$=C$((LEN(C$)-12)):BC$=
     BC$((LEN(C$)-11)):GOTO1460             :rem 155
1160 IFINT(RND(TI)*100)<20THENC$=BC$
                                            :rem 58
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1170 IFINT(RND(TI)*100)=4THENGOSUB1440
                                    :rem 10
1180 TL=ABS(TL+((INT(RND(TI)*3)-1)))
                                    :rem 4
1190 TL=TL-(1*((TL<(22-LEN(C$)))+1))
                                   :rem 116
1200 TL=TL*((TL<0)+1)              :rem 116
1205 POKESP+7680,AB:POKESP+38400,CB
                                    :rem 48
1210 PRINT:PRINTSPC(TL);C$;        :rem 204
1220 IFAS=1THEN1470                 :rem 81
1230 P=PEEK(203):IF P=64 THEN 1285:rem 29
1235 IF P=45 THEN 1280              :rem 74
1240 IF P=22 THEN 1270              :rem 64
1260 GOTO 1285                     :rem 210
1270 SP=SP+1:IF PEEK(7680+SP)<>32 THEN 13
     00                             :rem 93
1271 AB=PEEK(7680+SP):CB=PEEK(38400+SP)
                                   :rem 227
1272 POKESP+38400,4:POKESP+7680,42:GOTO 1
     130                           :rem 254
1280 SP=SP-1:IF PEEK(7680+SP)<>32 THEN 13
     00                             :rem 96
1281 AB=PEEK(7680+SP):CB=PEEK(38400+SP)
                                   :rem 228
1282 POKESP+38400,4:POKESP+7680,42:GOTO 1
     130                           :rem 255
1285 IF PEEK(7680+SP)<>32AND PEEK(7680+SP
     )<>42THEN 1300                 :rem 22
1286 AB=PEEK(7680+SP):CB=PEEK(38400+SP)
                                   :rem 233
1287 POKESP+38400,4:POKESP+7680,42:GOTO 1
     130                            :rem 4
1300 POKE36869,240:PRINT"{CLR}":PRINTSPC(
     5);"{RVS}YOU CRASHED!"         :rem 63
1330 POKE36879,8                   :rem 107
1340 PRINTSPC(5);"{RVS}YOUR RATING:"
                                   :rem 160
1345 PRINTSPC(11-LEN(R$(R))/2);"{RVS}";R$
     (R)                           :rem 175
1350 FORW=1TO10:GETZ$:NEXTW        :rem 225
1360 GETZ$:IFZ$=":"ORZ$=";"ORZ$=""THEN136
     0                             :rem 158
1410 RUN                           :rem 187
1430 TI$="000000":R=R+1:IFR>10THENR=10
                                   :rem 122
1440 IFAS=1THEN1205                 :rem 81
1450 AS=1:RETURN                   :rem 230
1460 GOSUB1430:GOTO1205             :rem 78
1470 AS=0                          :rem 205
1475 FORQ=1TOLEN(C$)/2:PRINT"{LEFT}";:NEX
     TQ                            :rem 191
1480 PRINT"{2 UP}#${DOWN}{2 LEFT}%&"
                                   :rem 157
1530 GOTO1230                      :rem 200
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BEFORE TYPING...

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Program 1: Tetracrystals—VIC Version

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10 POKE52,25:POKE56,25:CLR:GOSUB5000:CLR
                                   :rem 166
13 S7$="{RVS}{3 SPACES}{OFF}{2 SPACES}":C
   7$="BWRCPGBY"                   :rem 240
20 G1$=" -- Y VALUE --{2 SPACES}":G2$="AB
   CDEFGHIJKLMNOP":G3$="+⧅+⧃+⧅+⧃+
   ⧅+⧃+⧅+⧃+⧅+⧃+⧅+⧃+⧅+⧃+":
   CJ$="XYPC"                      :rem 101
60 TG=1:GOSUB1100                  :rem 235
100 GOSUB8200:GOSUB6000:GOSUB8200:rem 223
160 PRINT"{CLR}SPEED":INPUTHF      :rem 196
180 PRINT"{DOWN}CHR?{DOWN}"        :rem 168
190 GOSUB8000                      :rem 226
195 IF(G$<"1")OR(G$>"4")THEN190    :rem 119
197 G=VAL(G$)*4-1:POKE7167,G        :rem 49
255 PRINT"{CLR}{3 SPACES}** X VALUE
    **":PRINT"{2 SPACES}";G2$:SYS6401
                                   :rem 188
260 H=0:FORG=1TO16:PRINTMID$(G1$,G,1);MID
    $(G2$,G,1);MID$(G3$,H+1,16):H=ABS(H-1
    ):NEXTG                        :rem 125
280 FORG=0TO3                       :rem 11
282 PRINT"{HOME}"MID$(CJ$,G+1,1)   :rem 172
285 GOSUB8000                      :rem 231
290 IFG$="{F1}"THEN280             :rem 100
295 IFG$="{F7}"THEN510             :rem 104
300 H=ASC(G$)-49:ONG+1GOTO325,345,365,385
                                   :rem 240
301 GOTO285                        :rem 108
305 NEXTG                           :rem 30
325 H=H-16:IF((H<0)OR(H>15))THEN285
                                   :rem 198
330 PRINT"{HOME}{DOWN}{2 RIGHT}";G2$;:POK
    E7704+H,81:XV=7726+H:GOTO305   :rem 148
345 H=H-16:IF((H<0)OR(H>15))THEN285
                                   :rem 200
350 FORJ=1TO16:POKE7703+J*22,J:NEXTJ:POKE
    7725+H*22,81:YV=H:GOTO305       :rem 4
365 IF((H<0)OR(H>1))THEN285        :rem 250
370 PV=H+49:SB=2↑H:GOTO305          :rem 76
385 IF((H<0)OR(H>7))THEN285         :rem 2
390 POKEXV+YV*22+30720,H:POKEXV+YV*16+302
    08,H:POKEXV+YV*22,PV:POKEXV+YV*16-558
    ,PV                            :rem 14
395 POKEXV+YV*16-302,((H*16)+SB):GOTO280
                                   :rem 31
510 POKE36879,SS:TG=1:CP=0:GOTO750:rem 52
600 SYS6406:SYS6431                :rem 108
650 SYS6577                        :rem 115
655 FORG=1TOHF:NEXTG                :rem 45
656 GETG$:IFG$<>""THENGOSUB7000     :rem 84
657 IFCPTHENGOSUB7310               :rem 62
660 SYS6475:SYS6542                :rem 123
690 GOSUB1000:TG=1                  :rem 35
695 GOSUB1100                      :rem 230
700 SYS6401:SYS6424                :rem 106
750 SYS6573                        :rem 112
755 FORG=1TOHF:NEXTG                :rem 46
756 GETG$:IFG$<>""THENGOSUB7000     :rem 85
757 IFCPTHENGOSUB7310               :rem 63
760 SYS6468:SYS6535                :rem 128
790 GOSUB1000:TG=0                  :rem 35
795 GOSUB1100:GOTO600              :rem 240
1000 J=INT(RND(1)*16):H=INT(RND(1)*3):POK
     E36874+H,PEEK(6993+J):POKE36878,(JOR
     8):RETURN                     :rem 70
1100 POKE36866,128*TG+16:POKE36867,32:POK
     E36864,10:POKE648,2*TG+28:Z=TG*2+156
                                   :rem 119
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1120 FORH=217TO228:POKEH,Z:POKEH+12,Z+1:N
     EXTH:PRINT"{HOME}";:RETURN  :rem 149
5000 OPEN1,1,0,"CRYSTALS T3/JAN"  :rem 85
5020 FORG=0TO39:FORH=1TO16        :rem 82
5030 INPUT#1,Y:X=G*16+H+6400:POKEX,Y:PRIN
     TY;                          :rem 225
5060 NEXTH,G                      :rem 197
5075 INPUT#1,L:IFL<>99999THENSTOP :rem 78
5080 CLOSE1:RETURN                :rem 142
6000 SS=PEEK(36879):PRINT"{CLR}"SPC(66)S7
     $"F1 BDR":PRINTS7$"F3 SCN    :rem 166
6010 PRINTS7$"F5 REV":PRINTS7$"F7 FIN
     {DOWN}"                      :rem 210
6012 FORG=1TO8:PRINTS7$;G;MID$(C7$,G,1);S
     7$:NEXTG                     :rem 216
6020 FORG=0TO7:FORH=0TO7:POKE38583+G*22+H
     ,G:NEXTH:NEXTG               :rem 200
6030 POKE36879,SS                 :rem 219
6050 GOSUB8000:IFG$="{F1}"THENG=(SS+1)AND
     7:SS=(SSAND248)ORG           :rem 202
6052 IFG$="{F3}"THENSS=(SS+16)AND255
                                  :rem 216
6054 IFG$="{F5}"THENG=(SS+8)AND15:SS=(SSA
     ND240)ORG                    :rem 124
6056 IFG$="{F7}"THENRETURN        :rem 227
6060 GOTO6030                     :rem 206
7000 IF(G$<"{F1}")OR(G$>"{F6}")THENRETURN
                                  :rem 144
7010 G=ASC(G$)-132:ONGGOTO7100,7200,7210,
     7300,7400,7450,7600          :rem 142
7100 CP=0:RETURN                  :rem 226
7200 H=25:GOTO7220                :rem 243
7210 H=-25                        :rem 227
7220 GOSUB8000:G=ASC(G$)-48:IF(G<0)OR(G>9
     )THEN7220                    :rem 116
7240 HF=HF+G*H:RETURN              :rem 36
7300 CP=1                         :rem 203
7310 GOSUB8000:IFG$="{F7}"THENRETURN
                                   :rem 95
7320 IFG$="{F1}"THENCP=0:RETURN    :rem 21
7330 GOTO7000                     :rem 205
7400 PV=INT(RND(1)*8)*16+1:GOTO7500
                                  :rem 222
7450 GOSUB8000:G=ASC(G$)-49:IF(G<0)OR(G>7
     )THEN7450                    :rem 125
7460 PV=G*16+1                    :rem 232
7500 XV=INT(RND(1)*16):YV=INT(RND(1)*16):
     QV=XV+YV*16+7424             :rem 118
7510 POKEQV,PV:POKEQV+512,PV:RETURN
                                   :rem 52
7600 RUN13                         :rem 38
8000 GETG$:IFG$=""THEN8000        :rem 191
8010 RETURN                       :rem 169
8200 POKE36866,150:POKE36867,46:POKE36864
     ,5:POKE36879,27:RETURN       :rem 211
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Program 2:

Tetracrystals—VIC DATA Maker

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2 REM PREPARES{14 SPACES}DATAFILE FOR
  {10 SPACES}TETRACRYSTALS        :rem 142
5 DIMCS(40)                        :rem 90
8 FORG=1TO40:READH:CS(G)=H:NEXTG   :rem 38
10 PRINT"{CLR} CHECKSUM";          :rem 83
13 FORJ=1TO40                      :rem 10
15 TL=0                           :rem 115
18 FORK=1TO16                      :rem 19
20 READL:TL=TL+L                  :rem 248
23 NEXTK                          :rem 239
25 IFTL<>CS(J)THENPRINT:PRINT"TYPO IN LIN
   E";100+J*10:STOP                :rem 95
28 NEXTJ                          :rem 243
30 READL:IFL<>99999THENPRINT"INSUFFICIENT
    DATA":STOP                    :rem 152
32 PRINT" OK{2 DOWN}"             :rem 242
35 PRINT"GET DATA TAPE READY{3 SPACES}HIT
    A KEY TO CONTINUE             :rem 199
36 GETG$:IFG$=""THEN36              :rem 1
37 PRINT:PRINT                    :rem 190
38 CLR                             :rem 76
40 OPEN1,1,1,"CRYSTALS T3/JAN"    :rem 245
43 FORJ=1TO40:READL:NEXTJ         :rem 114
45 FORJ=1TO40                      :rem 15
50 FORK=1TO16                      :rem 15
53 READL:PRINT#1,L;CHR$(13);      :rem 143
55 NEXTK                          :rem 244
58 NEXTJ                          :rem 246
60 READL:IFL<>99999THENPRINT"CHECK DATA":
   GOTO65                         :rem 208
63 PRINT#1,L                      :rem 194
65 CLOSE1                          :rem 18
99 END                             :rem 73
101 DATA2175,2423,2474,1942,2180  :rem 98
102 DATA2431,2113,1935,2660,2567  :rem 98
103 DATA2317,1710,2352,2061,1928  :rem 93
104 DATA2461,2246,1533,2072,1693 :rem 100
105 DATA1626,1883,1556,1844,2604 :rem 113
106 DATA1715,2310,2659,1771,1908 :rem 109
107 DATA2411,1971,2168,2142,1770 :rem 101
108 DATA2510,1251,3302,0,0        :rem 28
110 DATA169,29,208,3,234,169,31,133,252,1
    69,0,133,251,234,160,0        :rem 68
120 DATA145,251,200,208,251,96,234,169,29
    ,162,31,208,5,234,169,31      :rem 179
130 DATA162,29,133,252,134,254,169,0,133,
    251,133,253,234,160,0,177     :rem 216
140 DATA253,10,9,240,133,1,177,253,9,15,3
    7,1,145,251,200,208           :rem 166
150 DATA238,96,234,169,28,162,29,208,5,23
    4,169,30,162,31,133,252       :rem 143
160 DATA134,254,169,0,133,251,133,253,234
    ,172,255,27,162,4,185,65      :rem 182
170 DATA27,149,0,136,202,208,247,169,32,1
    33,5,234,234,160,0,177        :rem 75
180 DATA253,162,0,9,16,24,232,106,176,3,1
    44,250,234,181,0,145          :rem 220
190 DATA251,200,208,235,96,234,169,148,16
    2,29,208,5,234,169,150,162    :rem 38
200 DATA31,133,252,134,254,169,0,133,251,
    133,253,234,160,0,177,253     :rem 208
210 DATA74,74,74,74,145,251,200,208,245,9
    6,234,234,169,29,208,2        :rem 94
220 DATA169,31,133,2,133,252,160,0,132,1,
    234,177,1,41,4,240            :rem 101
230 DATA5,32,204,25,164,254,200,208,242,9
    6,234,132,254,169,0,133       :rem 116
240 DATA253,152,41,240,208,4,169,17,133,2
    53,152,41,15,208,6,169        :rem 75
250 DATA34,5,253,133,253,200,152,41,15,20
    8,6,169,68,5,253,133          :rem 229
260 DATA253,165,254,9,15,168,200,208,6,16
    9,136,5,253,133,253,234       :rem 138
270 DATA76,11,26,5,253,133,253,96,234,234
    ,164,254,169,48,37,253        :rem 101
280 DATA208,19,152,56,233,17,168,177,1,41
    ,12,240,5,169,3,32            :rem 137
290 DATA4,26,164,254,234,169,80,37,253,20
    8,19,152,56,233,15,168        :rem 100
300 DATA177,1,41,12,240,5,169,5,32,4,26,1
    64,254,234,169,160            :rem 128
310 DATA37,253,208,19,152,24,105,15,168,1
    77,1,41,12,240,5,169          :rem 230
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320 DATA10,32,4,26,164,254,234,169,192,37
    ,253,208,19,152,24,105          :rem 76
330 DATA17,168,177,1,41,12,240,5,169,12,3
    2,4,26,164,254,234              :rem 129
340 DATA169,1,37,253,208,50,165,254,56,23
    3,16,168,177,1,41,15            :rem 244
350 DATA234,234,234,234,208,34,165,254,56
    ,233,16,170,41,240,240,11       :rem 215
360 DATA138,56,233,16,168,177,1,41,12,208
    ,13,164,254,177,1,56            :rem 243
370 DATA233,3,134,251,164,251,145,1,169,2
    ,37,253,208,41,164,254          :rem 76
380 DATA136,177,1,41,15,234,234,234,234,2
    34,234,234,208,25,164,254       :rem 228
390 DATA136,152,41,15,240,7,136,177,1,41,
    12,208,10,164,254,177           :rem 22
400 DATA1,56,233,3,136,145,1,169,4,37,253
    ,208,44,164,254,200             :rem 176
410 DATA177,1,41,15,234,234,234,234,234,2
    34,234,208,28,169,1,133         :rem 121
420 DATA251,164,254,200,200,152,41,15,240
    ,6,177,1,41,12,208,9            :rem 208
430 DATA164,254,177,1,56,233,3,145,251,16
    9,8,37,253,208,44,165           :rem 45
440 DATA254,24,105,16,168,177,1,41,15,234
    ,234,234,234,208,28,169         :rem 134
450 DATA16,133,251,165,254,24,105,32,176,
    7,168,177,1,41,12,208           :rem 27
460 DATA10,164,254,177,1,56,233,3,145,251
    ,234,164,254,96,234,234         :rem 135
470 DATA87,81,90,0,219,102,160,42,65,90,8
    3,88,43,37,36,28                :rem 57
480 DATA163,175,175,187,195,201,207,209,2
    15,215,219,221,225,228,232,235
                                    :rem 235
490 DATA0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
                                    :rem 75
500 DATA0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
                                    :rem 67
50000 DATA99999                     :rem 44
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Program 3: Tetracrystals—64 version

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10 GOTO9000:REM MACHINE LANGUAGE LOADER
                                    :rem 113
13 S7$="{RVS}{7 SPACES}{OFF}{4 SPACES}":C
   7$="BLKWHTREDCYNPURGBLUYEL":PS=53280
   :RV=49760                        :rem 17
20 G1$=" -- Y VALUE --{2 SPACES}":G2$="AB
   CDEFGHIJKLMNOP":G3$="+£+3+£+3+
   £+3+£+3+£+3+£+3+£+3+£+3+"
                                    :rem 181
30 CJ$="XVALUEYVALUEPLANT#COLOR"    :rem 97
60 GOSUB1100:REM NORMAL COLORS      :rem 97
100 GOSUB6000:REM SET UP SCREEN/BORDER
                                    :rem 51
110 GOSUB1100                       :rem 212
160 PRINT"{CLR}SPEED? (THE LOWER THE NUMB
    ER THE FASTER)":INPUTHF         :rem 14
180 PRINT"{DOWN}WHICH CHARACTER SET?
    {SHIFT-SPACE}(1-4){DOWN}"       :rem 58
190 GETG$:IFG$=""THEN190            :rem 99
195 IF(G$<"1")OR(G$>"4")THEN190     :rem 119
197 G=VAL(G$)*4-1:POKE49664,G       :rem 105
255 PRINT"{CLR}"SPC(130)"{3 SPACES}** X
     VALUE **":PRINTSPC(52);G2$:SYS49670
                                    :rem 100
260 H=0:FORG=1TO16:PRINTSPC(9)MID$(G1$,G,
    1)" "MID$(G2$,G,1);             :rem 90
270 PRINTMID$(G3$,H+1,16):H=ABS(H-1):NEXT
    G                               :rem 194
280 FORG=0TO3                       :rem 11
282 PRINT"{HOME}"MID$(CJ$,G*6+1,6):PRINT"
    *-F1 TO CANCEL-*-F7 TO BEGIN GAME-*"
                                    :rem 173
285 GETG$:IFG$=""THEN285            :rem 109
290 IFG$="{F1}"THEN280              :rem 100
295 IFG$="{F7}"THEN510              :rem 104
300 H=ASC(G$)-49:ONG+1GOTO325,345,365,385
                                    :rem 240
301 GOTO285                         :rem 108
305 NEXTG                           :rem 30
325 H=H-16:IF((H<0)OR(H>15))THEN285
                                    :rem 198
330 PRINT"{HOME}{5 DOWN}"SPC(12);G2$;:POK
    E1236+H,81:XV=1276+H:GOTO305    :rem 44
345 H=H-16:IF((H<0)OR(H>15))THEN285
                                    :rem 200
350 FORJ=1TO16:POKE1235+J*40,J:NEXTJ:POKE
    1275+H*40,81:YV=H:GOTO305       :rem 248
365 IF((H<0)OR(H>1))THEN285         :rem 250
370 PV=H+49:SB=2↑H:GOTO305          :rem 76
385 IF((H<0)OR(H>7))THEN285         :rem 2
390 POKEXV+YV*40+54272,H:POKEXV+YV*40,PV
                                    :rem 213
395 POKEXV+YV*16+48132,((H*16)+SB):GOTO28
    0                               :rem 138
510 POKEPS,RB:POKEPS+1,SC:CP=0      :rem 140
520 PRINT"{CLR}{DOWN}"SPC(7);"T E T R A C
     R Y S T A L S":GOTO700         :rem 248
600 SYS49670:SYS49695               :rem 233
650 SYS49841                        :rem 164
655 FORG=1TOHF:NEXTG                :rem 45
656 GETG$:IFG$<>""THENGOSUB7000     :rem 84
657 IFCPTHENGOSUB7310               :rem 62
660 SYS49806:SYS49739               :rem 239
690 GOSUB1000:REM MUSIC             :rem 127
700 SYS49665:SYS49688               :rem 240
750 SYS49837                        :rem 170
755 FORG=1TOHF:NEXTG                :rem 46
756 GETG$:IFG$<>""THENGOSUB7000     :rem 85
757 IFCPTHENGOSUB7310               :rem 63
760 SYS49799:SYS49732               :rem 244
790 GOSUB1000:REM MUSIC             :rem 128
795 GOTO600                         :rem 116
1000 REM MUSIC                      :rem 38
1050 VM=(INT(RND(1)*3))*16:VM=VM+(INT(RND
     (1)*16))                       :rem 243
1060 POKE50688,VM                   :rem 208
1070 SYS50689                       :rem 211
1080 RETURN                         :rem 169
1099 RETURN                         :rem 179
1100 POKE53280,254:POKE53281,246:RETURN
                                    :rem 8
6000 RB=PEEK(PS):SC=PEEK(PS+1):PRINT"
     {CLR}"SPC(131)S7$"F1 BORDER":rem 195
6005 PRINTSPC(11)S7$"F3 SCREEN      :rem 250
6008 PRINTSPC(11)S7$"F5 REVERSE     :rem 91
6010 PRINTSPC(11)S7$"F7 CONTINUE{DOWN}
                                    :rem 176
6012 FORG=1TO8:PRINTSPC(11)S7$;G;MID$(C7$
     ,G*3-2,3):NEXTG                :rem 70
6020 FORG=0TO7:FORH=0TO7:POKE55627+G*40+H
     ,G:NEXTH:NEXTG                 :rem 198
6030 POKEPS,RB:POKEPS+1,SC          :rem 133
6050 GETG$:IFG$=""THEN6050          :rem 197
6051 IFG$="{F1}"THENRB=(RB+1)AND15:rem 70
6052 IFG$="{F3}"THENSC=(SC+1)AND15:rem 76
6054 IFG$="{F5}"THENPOKERV,((PEEK(RV)+128
     )AND255)                       :rem 248
6055 IFG$="{F5}"THENFORX=1344TO1663:POKEX
     ,((PEEK(X)+128)AND255):NEXTX   :rem 31
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6056 IFG$="{F7}"THENRETURN          :rem 227
6060 GOTO6030                       :rem 206
7000 IF(G$<"{F1}")OR(G$>"{F6}")THENRETURN
                                    :rem 144
7010 G=ASC(G$)-132:ONGGOTO7100,7200,7210,
     7300,7400,7450,7600            :rem 142
7100 CP=0:RETURN                    :rem 226
7200 H=25:GOTO7220                  :rem 243
7210 H=-25                          :rem 227
7220 GOSUB8000:G=ASC(G$)-48:IF(G<0)OR(G>9
     )THEN7220                      :rem 116
7240 HF=HF+G*H:RETURN                :rem 36
7300 CP=1:RETURN                    :rem 229
7310 GOSUB8000:IFG$="{F7}"THENRETURN
                                     :rem 95
7320 IFG$="{F1}"THENCP=0:RETURN      :rem 21
7330 GOTO7000                       :rem 205
7400 PV=INT(RND(1)*8)*16+1:GOTO7500
                                    :rem 222
7450 GOSUB8000:G=ASC(G$)-49:IF(G<0)OR(G>7
     )THEN7450                      :rem 125
7460 PV=G*16+1                      :rem 232
7500 XV=INT(RND(1)*16):YV=INT(RND(1)*16):
     QV=XV+YV*16+49152              :rem 170
7510 POKEQV,PV:POKEQV+256,PV:RETURN
                                     :rem 57
7600 RUN13                           :rem 38
8000 GETG$:IFG$=""THEN8000          :rem 191
8010 RETURN                         :rem 169
9000 DIMCS(54)                      :rem 243
9010 FORG=1TO54:READCS(G):NEXTG     :rem 182
9020 PRINT"{CLR}"SPC(6);"T E T R A C R Y
     {SPACE}S T A L S{2 DOWN}":PRINT"-- C
     HECKSUM:";                     :rem 95
9030 FORJ=1TO54                     :rem 119
9040 TL=0                           :rem 218
9050 FORK=1TO16                     :rem 120
9060 READL:TL=TL+L                  :rem 101
9070 NEXTK                          :rem 90
9080 IFTL<>CS(J)THENPRINT:PRINT"TYPO IN L
     INE";9340+J*10:STOP             :rem 8
9090 NEXTJ                          :rem 91
9100 READL:IFL<>99999THENSTOP       :rem 83
9110 PRINT" OK{DOWN}":PRINT"-- LOADING MA
     CHINE LANGUAGE."               :rem 17
9120 CLR:M=49664                    :rem 126
9130 POKEM,3                        :rem 168
9150 FORJ=1TO54:READK:NEXTJ         :rem 222
9155 FORJ=1TO40                     :rem 122
9160 FORK=1TO16:M=M+1               :rem 231
9165 READL:POKEM,L                  :rem 107
9170 NEXTK                           :rem 91
9175 NEXTJ                           :rem 95
9179 M=50688                        :rem 111
9180 FORJ=41TO46                    :rem 178
9185 FORK=1TO16:M=M+1               :rem 238
9190 READL:POKEM,L                  :rem 105
9195 NEXTK                           :rem 98
9200 NEXTJ                           :rem 84
9204 M=50943                         :rem 94
9205 FORJ=47TO54                    :rem 181
9210 FORK=1TO16:M=M+1               :rem 227
9215 READL:POKEM,L                  :rem 103
9220 NEXTK                           :rem 87
9225 NEXTJ                           :rem 91
9230 READL:IFL<>99999THENSTOP       :rem 87
9240 RUN13                          :rem 40
9270 DATA2500,2910,2637,1944,2015:rem 155
9272 DATA2122,2553,2150,2153,2209:rem 148
9274 DATA1612,1875,2521,2061,1928:rem 166
9276 DATA2461,2415,1534,2241,1863:rem 163
9278 DATA1627,2052,1726,1845,2604:rem 171
9280 DATA1717,2311,2660,1772,1910:rem 158
9282 DATA2412,1972,2169,2143,1771:rem 167
9284 DATA2511,1251,2546,2115,1718:rem 158
9286 DATA1762,2481,2247,1939,2497:rem 189
9288 DATA1436,546,282,778,929     :rem 248
9290 DATA1246,1495,1077,1002      :rem 164
9350 DATA169,192,208,3,234,169,193,133,25
     2,169,0,133,251,234,160,0     :rem 237
9360 DATA145,251,200,208,251,96,234,169,1
     92,162,193,208,5,234,169,193:rem 149
9370 DATA162,192,133,252,134,254,169,0,13
     3,251,133,253,234,160,0,177   :rem 72
9380 DATA253,10,9,240,133,2,177,253,9,15,
     37,2,145,251,200,208          :rem 231
9390 DATA238,96,234,169,4,32,81,196,240,5
     ,169,4,32,85,196,234          :rem 20
9400 DATA172,0,194,162,4,185,65,196,149,1
     ,136,202,208,247,169,32       :rem 146
9410 DATA133,6,234,234,234,234,234,234,23
     4,160,15,177,253,162,0,9      :rem 176
9420 DATA16,24,232,106,176,3,144,250,234,
     181,1,145,251,136,16,235      :rem 170
9430 DATA32,101,196,144,228,96,169,216,32
     ,81,196,240,5,169,216,32      :rem 201
9440 DATA85,196,234,160,15,177,253,74,74,
     74,74,145,251,136,16,245      :rem 213
9450 DATA32,101,196,144,238,96,234,0,0,0,
     0,0,169,192,208,2              :rem 77
9460 DATA169,193,133,3,133,252,160,0,132,
     2,234,177,2,41,4,240          :rem 224
9470 DATA5,32,204,194,164,254,200,208,242
     ,96,234,132,254,169,0,133     :rem 234
9480 DATA253,152,41,240,208,4,169,17,133,
     253,152,41,15,208,6,169       :rem 138
9490 DATA34,5,253,133,253,200,152,41,15,2
     08,6,169,68,5,253,133          :rem 36
9500 DATA253,165,254,9,15,168,200,208,6,1
     69,136,5,253,133,253,234      :rem 192
9510 DATA76,11,195,5,253,133,253,96,234,2
     34,164,254,169,48,37,253      :rem 210
9520 DATA208,19,152,56,233,17,168,177,2,4
     1,12,240,5,169,3,32           :rem 192
9530 DATA4,195,164,254,234,169,80,37,253,
     208,19,152,56,233,15,168      :rem 209
9540 DATA177,2,41,12,240,5,169,5,32,4,195
     ,164,254,234,169,160          :rem 247
9550 DATA37,253,208,19,152,24,105,15,168,
     177,2,41,12,240,5,169          :rem 38
9560 DATA10,32,4,195,164,254,234,169,192,
     37,253,208,19,152,24,105      :rem 194
9570 DATA17,168,177,2,41,12,240,5,169,12,
     32,4,195,164,254,234          :rem 248
9580 DATA169,1,37,253,208,50,165,254,56,2
     33,16,168,177,2,41,15          :rem 52
9590 DATA234,234,234,234,208,34,165,254,5
     6,233,16,170,41,240,240,11    :rem 22
9600 DATA138,56,233,16,168,177,2,41,12,20
     8,13,164,254,177,2,56          :rem 43
9610 DATA233,3,134,251,164,251,145,2,169,
     2,37,253,208,41,164,254       :rem 131
9620 DATA136,177,2,41,15,234,234,234,234,
     234,234,234,208,25,164,254    :rem 27
9630 DATA136,152,41,15,240,7,136,177,2,41
     ,12,208,10,164,254,177         :rem 77
9640 DATA2,56,233,3,136,145,2,169,4,37,25
     3,208,44,164,254,200          :rem 241
9650 DATA177,2,41,15,234,234,234,234,234,
     234,234,234,208,28,169,1,133  :rem 185
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9660 DATA251,164,254,200,200,152,41,15,24
     0,6,177,2,41,12,208,9          :rem 16
9670 DATA164,254,177,2,56,233,3,145,251,1
     69,8,37,253,208,44,165         :rem 109
9680 DATA254,24,105,16,168,177,2,41,15,23
     4,234,234,234,208,28,169       :rem 198
9690 DATA16,133,251,165,254,24,105,32,176
     ,7,168,177,2,41,12,208         :rem 91
9700 DATA10,164,254,177,2,56,233,3,145,25
     1,234,164,254,96,234,234       :rem 190
9710 DATA87,81,90,0,219,102,160,42,65,90,
     83,88,43,37,36,28              :rem 111
9720 DATA162,192,208,2,162,193,133,252,13
     4,254,169,132,133,251,169,0    :rem 79
9730 DATA133,253,96,234,24,169,16,101,253
     ,144,1,96,133,253,169,40       :rem 193
9740 DATA101,251,144,2,230,252,133,251,24
     ,96,234,0,0,0,0,0              :rem 50
9749 REM -- MACHINE LANGUAGE MUSIC --
     {18 SPACES}COULD BE OPTIONAL:rem 147
9750 DATA173,0,198,10,170,74,41,240,74,72
     ,74,74,74,133,251,104          :rem 40
9760 DATA56,229,251,168,189,32,199,153,0,
     199,232,200,189,32,199,153     :rem 69
9770 DATA 0,199,136,132,252,162,7,185,0,1
     99,153,0,212,200,202,208       :rem 128
9780 DATA246,169,1,141,3,212,169,10,141,2
     4,212,164,252,169,1,25         :rem 79
9790 DATA4,199,153,4,212,162,5,160,0,234,
     234,234,200,208,250,238        :rem 128
9800 DATA3,212,238,24,212,202,208,241,96,
     0,0,0,0,0,0,0                  :rem 99
9809 REM -- MUSIC DATA STATEMENTS --
                                    :rem 21
9810 DATA0,0,0,5,64,140,48,0,0,0,0,32,152
     ,105,0,0                       :rem 99
9820 DATA0,0,16,57,194,0,0,0,15,0,0,0,0,0
     ,0,0                           :rem 152
9830 DATA134,3,180,4,71,5,71,6,12,7,12,7,
     104,9,143,10                   :rem 80
9840 DATA143,10,143,12,24,14,24,14,195,16
     ,209,18,31,21,30,25            :rem 168
9850 DATA49,28,165,31,135,33,162,37,62,42
     ,193,44,60,50,99,56            :rem 216
9860 DATA75,63,15,67,15,67,69,75,125,84,2
     14,94,121,100,199,112          :rem 63
9870 DATA12,7,97,8,143,10,143,10,218,11,1
     43,12,24,14,210,15             :rem 118
9880 DATA195,16,209,18,31,21,30,25,49,28,
     49,28,162,37,62,42             :rem 161
10000 DATA99999                     :rem 40
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Program 1:

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0 POKE51,192:POKE52,29:POKE55,192:POKE56,
  29:POKE36869,255:POKE36878,15:POKE36879
  ,25                               :rem 83
1 D=37154:P1=37151:P2=37152:DO(0)=-1:DO(1
  )=1:DI=DO(INT(RND(1)*2))          :rem 54
2 A$=">>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>{LEFT}{INST}>"
  :DIMB(11):G=30720:E2=0            :rem 126
3 SC=1:CH=2:E1=0:D(0)=4:D(1)=2:D(4)=7:Z=5
  7:E3=1:Q=10000:J=56               :rem 32
10 GOSUB100:POKE36869,255:E4=0:E5=2
                                    :rem 246
15 GOSUB70:H=0:Y=0                  :rem 60
16 S=8143+INT(RND(1)*20):IFPEEK(S+22)=620
   RPEEK(S)=59THEN16                :rem 145
17 T=PEEK(S):POKES,58:POKES+G,0     :rem 161
19 V=7712+B(Y):W=62:DO=DO(INT(RND(1)*2))
                                    :rem 7
20 SYS828:ONPEEK(1)GOTO35,26,28,31,33
                                    :rem 110
21 FORN=1TO23:NEXT:GOTO41           :rem 95
26 IFPEEK(S+22)=ZTHENPOKES,T:POKES+G,D(T-
   J):S=S+22:GOTO40                 :rem 84
27 GOTO41                           :rem 7
28 DI=-1:IFPEEK(S+21)<62THENPOKES,T:POKES
   +G,D(T-J):S=S-1:GOTO40           :rem 147
29 IFT<>ZTHENPOKES,T:POKES+G,D(T-J):S=S+D
   I:T=PEEK(S):GOTO55               :rem 83
30 GOTO41                           :rem 1
31 IFT=ZTHENPOKES,T:POKES+G,D(T-J):S=S-22
   :GOTO40                          :rem 78
32 GOTO41                           :rem 3
33 DI=1:IFPEEK(S+23)<62THENPOKES,T:POKES+
   G,D(T-J):S=S+1:GOTO40            :rem 98
34 GOTO29                           :rem 11
35 POKE36876,240:POKES,T:POKES+G,D(T-J):S
   =S-22+DI:T=PEEK(S):POKES,58:IFT=60THEN
   55                               :rem 5
36 IFPEEK(S+22)=60THENSS=SS+1000:PRINT"
   {HOME}{RVS}"TAB(8-LEN(STR$(SS)))SS
                                    :rem 62
37 FORN=1TO5:NEXT:POKES,T:POKES+G,D(T-J):
   S=S+22+DI:T=PEEK(S):POKES,58:IFPEEK(S+
   22)>61THEN55
38 POKES+G,0:POKE36876,0:GOTO41     :rem 102
40 POKE36876,200:POKE36876,0:T=PEEK(S):PO
   KES,58:POKES+G,0                 :rem 165
41 IFT=61THENSS=SS+150:PRINT"{HOME}{RVS}"
   TAB(8-LEN(STR$(SS)))SS:H=H+1:T=62:IFH=
   16THEN64                         :rem 240
42 IFT=60THEN55                     :rem 133
43 GOSUB98                          :rem 88
45 POKEV,W:POKEV+G,D(W-J):V=V+DO:W=PEEK(V
   ):POKEV,60:POKEV+G,7             :rem 145
46 IFDO=22ANDPEEK(V+22)=56THENDO=DO(INT(R
   ND(1)*2)):GOTO48                 :rem 195
47 IFW=63THENDO=22                  :rem 90
48 IFW=58THEN55                     :rem 149
49 IFV<8164THEN20                   :rem 242
50 Y=Y+1:IFY=12THEN55               :rem 11
51 POKEV,62:GOTO19                  :rem 92
55 POKE36876,0:SO=250:IFT=60THENT=W
                                    :rem 138
56 POKE36874,SO:IFPEEK(S+22)<>56ANDS<8164
   THENPOKES,T:POKES+G,D(T-J):S=S+22:T=PE
   EK(S):POKES,58:POKES+G,0         :rem 185
57 FORN=1TO17:NEXT:SO=SO-5:IFSO>150THEN56
                                    :rem 137
58 POKE36874,0:CH=CH-1:IFCH=-1THENPOKED,2
   55:POKE36869,240:PRINT"{CLR}{BLK}"SS:E
   ND                               :rem 104
59 PRINT"{HOME}{RVS}"TAB(14)CH::POKEV,W:P
   OKEV+G,D(W-J):Y=Y+1:IFW=58THENPOKEV,T:
   POKEV+G,D(T-J)                   :rem 248
60 IFY>10THEN15                     :rem 130
61 IFS>8163THENPOKES,T:GOTO16       :rem 100
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62 POKES,58:POKES+G,0:GOTO19      :rem 234
64 IFY=11THEN67                   :rem 141
65 FORN=Y+1TO11:POKE7712+B(N),62:SS=SS+10
   0:PRINT"{HOME}{RVS}"TAB(8-LEN(STR$(SS)
   ))SS:GOSUB98                   :rem 194
66 POKE36877,250:FORM=240TO250:POKE36876,
   M:NEXT:POKE36876,0:POKE36877,0:NEXT
                                  :rem 113
67 E2=E2+.05:SC=SC+1:E1=E1+1:IFE1>8THENE1
   =8                             :rem 227
68 GOTO15                         :rem 13
69 GOTO69                         :rem 23
70 PRINT"{CLR}{PUR}";:FORN=1TO21:PRINTA$:
   NEXT:PRINTA$"{HOME}":B$=">888888888888
   88888888"                      :rem 108
71 PRINT"{2 DOWN}"TAB(6)"?>>>>>>>>?{RED}"
   :PRINTTAB(6)"9{PUR}88888888{RED}9":PRI
   NTTAB(6)"9>>>>>>>>9":PRINTTAB(6)"9>>>>
   >>>>9{PUR}"                    :rem 12
72 FORN=1TO3:PRINTB$"{4 DOWN}":NEXT:PRINT
   B$"{HOME}";:POKE8185,62        :rem 162
73 PRINT"{RVS}"TAB(8-LEN(STR$(SS)))SS;TAB
   (14)CH;TAB(17)SC:POKE7697,163:FORN=0TO
   11:POKE7712+B(N),60            :rem 61
74 POKE7712+B(N)+G,7:NEXT:FORN=7834TO8164
   STEP110:IFN=8164THEN80         :rem 73
75 FORO=1TO3                      :rem 230
76 R=N+1+INT(RND(1)*20):IFPEEK(R)<>56THEN
   76                             :rem 17
77 FORM=RTOR+88STEP22:POKEM,57:POKEM+G,2:
   NEXT:IFO>1ANDRND(1)<E2THENPOKER+(INT(R
   ND(1)*2)+2)*22,63              :rem 203
78 IFRND(1)<.5ANDPEEK(R-22)=62THENPOKER-2
   2,63                           :rem 170
79 NEXT                           :rem 175
80 FORO=1TOE1                     :rem 37
81 R=N+3+INT(RND(1)*16):IFPEEK(R)<>56ORPE
   EK(R-22)<>62ORPEEK(R+1)=62ORPEEK(R-1)=
   62THEN85                       :rem 198
84 POKER,62:POKER-22,63           :rem 98
85 NEXT                           :rem 172
86 FORO=1TO4                      :rem 233
87 R=N-21+INT(RND(1)*20):IFPEEK(R)<>62ORP
   EEK(R+22)=62THEN87             :rem 227
88 POKER,61:POKER+G,0:NEXT:NEXT   :rem 255
89 POKE7710,63:POKE7715,63:POKE7731,63:PO
   KE7738,63                      :rem 125
90 FORN=7812TO8142STEP110:POKEN,63:NEXT:F
   ORN=7833TO8163STEP110:POKEN,63:NEXT:RE
   TURN                           :rem 85
98 IFSS>=Q*E3THENCH=CH+1:E3=E3+1:PRINT"
   {HOME}{RVS}"TAB(14)CH          :rem 253
99 RETURN                         :rem 82
100 DATA,1,21,22,23,24,42,43,44,45,46,47
                                  :rem 197
101 DATA255,255,153,102,102,153,255,255,1
    95,255,255,195,195,255,255,195,60,60,
    25,255,188                    :rem 64
102 DATA60,36,231,3,4,24,24,60,126,126,60
    ,60,66,165,153,153,165,66,60,,24,36,1
    26,126,126                    :rem 11
103 DATA126,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,   :rem 51
106 DATA169,,133,1,169,255,141,34,145,169
    ,32,44,31,145,208,5,169,1,133,1,96,16
    9,8,44                        :rem 98
107 DATA31,145,208,5,169,2,133,1,96,169,1
    6,44,31,145,208,5,169,3,133,1,96,169,
    4,44,31                       :rem 142
108 DATA145,208,3,133,1,96,169,127,141,34
    ,145,169,128,44,32,145,208,4,169,5,13
    3,1,96                        :rem 102
109 FORN=0TO11:READB(N):NEXT:FORN=7616TO7
    679:READM:POKEN,M:NEXT        :rem 61
110 FORN=828TO899:READM:POKEN,M:NEXT:RETU
    RN                            :rem 89
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Program 2:

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1 PRINT"{CLR}{7 DOWN}{12 RIGHT}HARDHAT CL
  IMBER":POKE53280,1:POKE53281,1:GOSUB780
                                  :rem 76
2 POKE52,48:POKE56,48:CLR         :rem 231
5 PRINT"{CLR}"                    :rem 153
6 PRINT"{7 DOWN}{12 RIGHT}HARDHAT CLIMBER
  "                               :rem 212
10 POKE53280,1:POKE53281,1        :rem 184
20 DO(0)=-1:DO(1)=1:DI=DO(INT(RND(1)*2))
                                  :rem 180
30 A$=">>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
   >>>>>{LEFT}{INST}>":DIMB(11):G=54272:E
   2=0                            :rem 19
40 SC=1:CH=2:E1=0:D(0)=4:D(1)=2:D(4)=7:Z=
   57:E3=1:Q=10000:J=56           :rem 81
44 FORI=GTOG+24:POKEI,0:NEXT      :rem 30
45 POKEG+24,15:POKEG+5,17:POKEG+6,240:POK
   EG,100                         :rem 230
50 GOSUB710:E4=0:E5=2             :rem 192
60 GOSUB500:H=0:Y=0               :rem 106
70 S=1905+INT(RND(1)*38):IFPEEK(S+40)=620
   RPEEK(S)=59THEN70              :rem 153
80 T=PEEK(S):POKES,58:POKES+G,0   :rem 161
90 V=1123+B(Y):W=62:DO=DO(INT(RND(1)*2))
                                  :rem 252
100 JV=255-PEEK(56321):GETQ$      :rem 61
101 IFJV=1THENJV=4:GOTO109        :rem 124
102 IFJV=4THENJV=3:GOTO109        :rem 127
103 IFJV=8THENJV=5:GOTO109        :rem 134
104 IFJV=2THEN109                 :rem 252
105 IFJVAND16=16THENJV=1:GOTO109  :rem 237
108 JV=0                          :rem 166
109 ONJVGOTO210,120,140,170,190   :rem 173
110 FORN=1TO23:NEXT:GOTO260       :rem 193
120 IFPEEK(S+40)=ZTHENPOKES,T:POKES+G,D(T
    -J):S=S+40:GOTO250            :rem 178
130 GOTO260                       :rem 101
140 DI=-1:IFPEEK(S+39)<62THENPOKES,T:POKE
    S+G,D(T-J):S=S-1:GOTO250      :rem 250
150 IFT<>ZTHENPOKES,T:POKES+G,D(T-J):S=S+
    DI:T=PEEK(S):GOTO360          :rem 173
160 GOTO260                       :rem 104
170 IFT=ZTHENPOKES,T:POKES+G,D(T-J):S=S-4
    0:GOTO250                     :rem 181
180 GOTO260                       :rem 106
190 DI=1:IFPEEK(S+41)<62THENPOKES,T:POKES
    +G,D(T-J):S=S+1:GOTO250       :rem 201
200 GOTO150                       :rem 97
210 POKEG+1,17:POKEG+4,17         :rem 156
215 POKES,T:POKES+G,D(T-J):S=S-40+DI:T=PE
    EK(S):POKES,58:IFT=60THEN360  :rem 43
220 IFPEEK(S+40)=60THENSS=SS+1000:PRINT"
    {HOME}{RVS}"TAB(8-LEN(STR$(SS)))SS
                                  :rem 105
230 FORN=1TO5:NEXT:POKES,T:POKES+G,D(T-J)
    :S=S+40+DI:T=PEEK(S):POKES,58:rem 204
235 IFS>1943ORPEEK(S+40)>61THEN360
                                  :rem 241
240 POKEG+4,16:POKES+G,0:GOTO260  :rem 147
250 POKEG+1,9:POKEG+4,17:POKEG+4,16:T=PEE
    K(S):POKES,58:POKES+G,0       :rem 134
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260 IFT<>61THEN270                          :rem 36
265 SS=SS+150:PRINT"{HOME}{RVS}"TAB(8-LEN
    (STR$(SS)))SS:H=H+1:T=62:IFH=16THEN44
    0                                       :rem 160
270 IFT=60THEN360                           :rem 231
280 GOSUB690                                :rem 185
290 POKEV,W:POKEV+G,D(W-J):V=V+DO:W=PEEK(
    V):POKEV,60:POKEV+G,7                   :rem 195
300 IFDO=40ANDPEEK(V+40)=56THENDO=DO(INT(
    RND(1)*2)):GOTO320                      :rem 21
310 IFW=63THENDO=40                         :rem 131
320 IFW=58THEN360                           :rem 237
330 IFV<1944THEN100                         :rem 73
340 Y=Y+1:IFY=12THEN60                      :rem 57
350 POKEV,62:GOTO90                         :rem 141
360 POKEG+4,16:SO=250:IFT=60THENT=W
                                            :rem 136
361 FORQQ=1TO30:NEXT                        :rem 16
365 T1=T                                    :rem 180
370 POKEG+1,SO:POKEG+4,33:IFPEEK(S+40)<>5
    6ANDS<1944THEN375                       :rem 227
372 GOTO 380                                :rem 112
375 POKES,T:POKES+G,D(T-J):S=S+40:T=PEEK(
    S):POKES,58:POKES+G,0                   :rem 122
380 FORN=1TO17:NEXT:SO=SO-5:IFSO>150THEN3
    70                                      :rem 231
390 POKEG+4,16:CH=CH-1:IFCH=-1THENPOKE532
    72,21:GOTO1000                          :rem 2
400 PRINT"{HOME}{RVS}"TAB(25)CH:POKEV,W:P
    OKEV+G,D(W-J):Y=Y+1                     :rem 43
405 IFW=58THENPOKEV,T1:POKEV+G,D(T1-J)
                                            :rem 124
410 IFY>10THEN60                            :rem 177
420 IFS>1943THENPOKES,T:GOTO70              :rem 146
430 POKES,58:POKES+G,0:GOTO90               :rem 24
440 IFY=11THEN470                           :rem 233
450 FORN=Y+1TO11:POKE1123+B(N),62:SS=SS+1
    00:PRINT"{HOME}{RVS}"TAB(8-LEN(STR$(S
    S)))SS                                  :rem 187
455 GOSUB690:NEXT                           :rem 54
460 POKEG+4,33:FORM=9TO176STEP2:POKEG+1,M
    :NEXT:POKEG+4,32                        :rem 50
470 E2=E2+.05:SC=SC+1:E1=E1+1:IFE1>8THENE
      1=8                                   :rem 17
480 GOTO60                                  :rem 59
490 GOTO490                                 :rem 115
500 PRINT"{CLR}{PUR}";:FORN=1TO22:PRINTA$
    :NEXT:PRINTA$"{HOME}"                   :rem 220
505 B$=">888888888888888888888888888888888
    888888"                                 :rem 15
510 PRINT"{3 DOWN}"TAB(15)"?>>>>>>>>?
    {RED}":PRINTTAB(15)"9{PUR}88888888
    {RED}9"                                 :rem 121
515 PRINTTAB(15)"9>>>>>>>>9":PRINTTAB(15)
    "9>>>>>>>>9{PUR}"                       :rem 243
520 FORN=1TO3:PRINTB$"{4 DOWN}":NEXT:PRIN
    TB$"{HOME}";:POKE1983,62                :rem 207
530 PRINT"{RVS}"TAB(8-LEN(STR$(SS)))SS;TA
    B(25)CH;TAB(31)SC:POKE1054,163
                                            :rem 157
535 FORN=0TO11:POKE1123+B(N),60             :rem 18
540 POKE1123+B(N)+G,7:NEXT:FORN=1344TO194
    4STEP200:IFN=1944THEN600                :rem 143
550 FORO=1TO3                               :rem 20
560 R=N+1+INT(RND(1)*38):IFPEEK(R)<>56THE
    N560                                    :rem 118
570 FORM=RTOR+160STEP40:POKEM,57:POKEM+G,
    2:NEXT                                  :rem 3
575 IFO>1ANDRND(1)<E2THENPOKER+(INT(RND(1
    )*2)+2)*40,63                           :rem 132
580 IFRND(1)<.5ANDPEEK(R-40)=62THENPOKER-
    40,63                                   :rem 216
590 NEXT                                    :rem 221
600 FORO=1TOE1                              :rem 83
610 R=N+3+INT(RND(1)*36)                    :rem 50
615 IFPEEK(R)<>56ORPEEK(R-40)<>62ORPEEK(R
    +1)=62ORPEEK(R-1)=62THEN630             :rem 82
620 POKER,62:POKER-40,63                    :rem 142
630 NEXT                                    :rem 216
640 FORO=1TO4                               :rem 21
650 R=N-39+INT(RND(1)*38):IFPEEK(R)<>62OR
    PEEK(R+40)=62THEN650                    :rem 77
660 POKER,61:POKER+G,0:NEXT:NEXT            :rem 43
670 POKE1122,63:POKE1125,63:POKE1161,63:P
    OKE1166,63                              :rem 129
680 FORN=1304TO1904STEP200:POKEN,63:NEXT:
    FORN=1343TO1943STEP200:POKEN,63:NEXT
                                            :rem 90
685 RETURN                                  :rem 131
690 IFSS>=Q*E3THENCH=CH+1:E3=E3+1:PRINT"
    {HOME}{RVS}"TAB(25)CH                   :rem 45
700 RETURN                                  :rem 119
710 DATA,1,39,40,41,42,78,79,80,81,82,83
                                            :rem 231
720 DATA255,255,153,102,102,153,255,255,1
    95,255,255,195,195,255,255,195,60,60
                                            :rem 31
725 DATA25,255,188                          :rem 180
730 DATA60,36,231,3,4,24,24,60,126,126,60
    ,60,66,165,153,153,165,66,60,,24,36
                                            :rem 195
735 DATA126,126,126                         :rem 220
740 DATA126,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,                :rem 58
750 DATA169,,133,1,169,255,141,34,145,169
    ,32,44,31,145,208,5,169,1,133,1,96
                                            :rem 163
755 DATA169,8,44                            :rem 83
760 DATA31,145,208,5,169,2,133,1,96,169,1
    6,44,31,145,208,5,169,3,133,1,96,169
                                            :rem 15
765 DATA4,44,31                             :rem 20
770 DATA145,208,3,133,1,96,169,127,141,34
    ,145,169,128,44,32,145,208,4,169,5
                                            :rem 176
775 DATA133,1,96                            :rem 76
776 FORN=0TO11:READB(N):NEXT                :rem 251
777 RETURN                                  :rem 133
780 FORI=0TO11:READX:NEXT:PRINT"{9 DOWN}
    {9 RIGHT}REDEFINING CHARACTERS"
                                            :rem 204
782 POKE56334,PEEK(56334)AND254:POKE1,PEE
    K(1)AND251                              :rem 194
783 FORI=12288TO12288+256*8:POKEI,PEEK(I+
    40960):NEXTI                            :rem 115
784 POKE1,PEEK(1)OR4:POKE56334,PEEK(56334
    )OR1                                    :rem 146
785 FORI=12288+56*8TO12288+63*8+7:READM:P
    OKEI,M:NEXTI                            :rem 158
786 POKE53272,(PEEK(53272)AND240)+12
                                            :rem 196
800 RETURN                                  :rem 120
1000 PRINT"{CLR}YOUR SCORE IS ";SS
                                            :rem 109
1010 PRINT"{6 DOWN}DO YOU WISH TO PLAY AG
     AIN (Y/N) ?";                          :rem 158
1020 GETA$:IFA$=""THEN1020                  :rem 169
1030 IFA$="Y"THENPOKE53272,(PEEK(53272)AN
     D240)+12:GOTO2                         :rem 133
1040 IFA$<>"N"THEN1020                      :rem 183
1050 SYS2048                                :rem 147
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Cave-In For 64

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BEFORE TYPING...

Before typing in programs, please refer to "How To Type COMPUTE!'s Gazette Programs," "A Beginner's Guide To Typing In Programs," and "The Automatic Proofreader" that appear before the Program Listings.

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1 POKE56,28:CLR:DEFFNW(X)=PEEK(37151)AND3
  2:B=36865:GOSUB6                    :rem 186
2 PRINT"{CLR}{WHT}"SPC(73)"CAVE-IN"SPC(10
  1)"{BLK}F1 FOR HELP":GOTO56         :rem 101
3 A$="+01-22-01+22+01":F=A+VAL(MID$(A$,D*
  3+1,3))*V                           :rem 248
4 X=VAL(MID$(A$,D*3+4,3)):L=F+X:R=F-X:RET
  URN                                 :rem 118
5 PRINTSPC(230)"V":RETURN             :rem 194
6 Y=30:POKEB+14,42:POKEB+1,150:GOTO8
                                      :rem 112
7 Y=28:POKEB+14,107:POKEB+1,22:POKEB,25:P
  OKEA,VAL(MID$("235241243242",D*3+1,3))
                                      :rem 146
8 POKE648,Y:IFFNW(W)THENRETURN        :rem 249
9 GOTO8                               :rem 170
10 PRINTSPC(207)"M{DOWN}{LEFT}{M}{DOWN}
   {LEFT}N":RETURN                    :rem 186
11 PRINTSPC(161)"M{DOWN}M{DOWN}{LEFT}
   {M}{DOWN}{LEFT}{M}{DOWN}{LEFT}
   {M}{2 DOWN}{2 LEFT}N{UP}N":RETURN
                                      :rem 79
12 PRINTSPC(92)W$MID$(X$,37)"{2 DOWN}
   {3 LEFT}N{UP}N{UP}N":RETURN        :rem 81
13 PRINT"{DOWN}{RIGHT}"W$MID$(X$,19)"
   {2 DOWN}{3 LEFT}N{UP}N{UP}N":RETURN
                                      :rem 34
14 PRINT"M"X$"{LEFT}N":RETURN         :rem 72
15 PRINTSPC(209)"N{DOWN}{LEFT}{G}{DOWN}
   {LEFT}M":RETURN                    :rem 191
16 PRINTSPC(188)"N{UP}N{2 DOWN}{2 LEFT}
   {G}{DOWN}{LEFT}{G}{DOWN}{LEFT}
   {G}{DOWN}{LEFT}M{DOWN}M":RETURN
                                      :rem 87
17 PRINTSPC(146)"N{UP}N{UP}N{3 DOWN}
   {3 LEFT}{G}"MID$(Y$,40)W$:RETURN
                                      :rem 55
18 PRINTSPC(83)"N{UP}N{UP}N{3 DOWN}
   {3 LEFT}{G}"MID$(Y$,22)W$:RETURN
                                      :rem 8
19 PRINTSPC(20)"N"Y$"M{HOME}":RETURN
                                      :rem 93
20 PRINTSPC(229)"P{DOWN}{LEFT}{T}":RETU
   RN                                 :rem 66
21 PRINTSPC(205)"{T}P{DOWN}{LEFT}{M}
   {DOWN}{2 LEFT}{@}@":RETURN         :rem 141
22 PRINTSPC(158)"{2 T}P"MID$(X$,40)"
   {3 LEFT}{3 T}":RETURN              :rem 153
23 PRINTSPC(89)"{2 T}P"MID$(X$,22)"
   {3 LEFT}{3 T}":RETURN              :rem 109
24 PRINT"{DOWN}P"MID$(X$,4)"{LEFT}{T}":
   RETURN                             :rem 225
25 PRINTSPC(231)"O{DOWN}{LEFT}{T}":RETU
   RN                                 :rem 63
26 PRINTSPC(210)"O{T}{DOWN}{2 LEFT}
   {G}{DOWN}{LEFT}L{@}":RETURN
                                      :rem 157
27 PRINTSPC(168)"O{2 T}{DOWN}{3 LEFT}
   {G}"MID$(Y$,43)"{3 T}":RETURN
                                      :rem 88
28 PRINTSPC(105)"O{2 T}{DOWN}{3 LEFT}
   {G}"MID$(Y$,25)"{3 T}":RETURN
                                      :rem 80
29 PRINTSPC(42)"O"MID$(Y$,4)"{T}":RETUR
   N                                  :rem 213
30 PRINTSPC(230)"{T}{DOWN}{LEFT}{T}":
   RETURN                             :rem 14
31 PRINTSPC(207)"{3 T}{2 DOWN}{3 LEFT}
   {3 @}":RETURN                      :rem 237
32 PRINTSPC(161)MID$(Z$,13)SPC(147)MID$(Z
   $,13):RETURN                       :rem 104
33 PRINTSPC(92)MID$(Z$,7)"{DOWN}"SPC(251)
   MID$(Z$,7):RETURN                  :rem 51
34 PRINTSPC(23)Z$SPC(154)SPC(245)Z$"
   {HOME}":RETURN                     :rem 160
35 PRINT"{CLR}{WHT}":FORV=0TO5:GOSUB3:IFP
   EEK(F)=32THENPRINT"{HOME}":ONVGOSUB34,
   33,32,31,30:GOTO41                 :rem 226
36 PRINT"{HOME}":IFPEEK(L)=32THENONV+1GOS
   UB14,13,12,11,10,5:GOTO38          :rem 86
37 ONV+1GOSUB24,23,22,21,20,5         :rem 62
38 PRINT"{HOME}":IFPEEK(R)=32THENONV+1GOS
   UB19,18,17,16,15,5:GOTO40          :rem 112
39 ONV+1GOSUB29,28,27,26,25,5         :rem 89
40 NEXT                               :rem 163
41 GOSUB77:W=PEEK(37151):IFY=30GOTO44
                                      :rem 251
42 IF(WAND32)=0THENPOKEB,Z:GOSUB6:POKEA,X
                                      :rem 134
43 GOTO41                              :rem 5
44 IFK=0ANDP<TITHENX=PEEK(B)+1:POKEB,X:P=
   TI+40:IFX=122THENRETURN            :rem 167
45 IF(WAND4)GOTO51                    :rem 70
46 V=1:GOSUB3:IFPEEK(F)<>32THENA=F:POKE30
   720+A,1:GOTO35                     :rem 123
47 IFA=7397ANDK=0THENRETURN           :rem 236
48 IFPEEK(A)<>13GOTO51                :rem 47
49 K=K-1:PRINTSPC(116)"MAN FOUND"SPC(34)"
   MEN LEFT="K:POKEA,160              :rem 178
50 IFK=0THENPRINTSPC(72)"CAVE-IN":IFGTHEN
   O=1                                :rem 43
51 IF(WAND16)=0THEND=VAL(MID$(D$,D+3,1)):
   GOTO35                             :rem 229
52 POKE37154,127:X=PEEK(37152)AND128:POKE
   37154,255:IFX=0THEND=VAL(MID$(D$,D+1,1
   )):GOTO35                          :rem 119
53 IF(WAND8)=0THEND=VAL(MID$(D$,D+4,1)):G
   OTO35                              :rem 185
54 IF(WAND32)=0ANDO=0THENZ=PEEK(B):X=PEEK
   (A):GOSUB7                         :rem 201
55 GOTO41                              :rem 8
56 D=3:D$="+02-44-02+44":PRINTSPC(91)"
   {WHT}MINE BEING DUG                :rem 131
57 POKE648,28:A=7397:X$="{21 SPACES}":PRI
   NT"{CLR}{RVS}{CYN} "X$;:FORW=1TO21
                                      :rem 142
58 PRINT"{OFF}{BLU}"X$"{CYN}{RVS} ";:NEXT
   :PRINTX$"{HOME}":POKE7673,160:POKE3839
   3,3:PRINTSPC(141)"{WHT}E           :rem 131
59 GOSUB77:X=INT(RND(1)*4):Y=X        :rem 83
60 W=A+VAL(MID$(D$,X*3+1,3))          :rem 237
61 IFPEEK(W)=32THENZ=0:POKEW,X:POKEA+VAL(
   MID$(D$,X*3+1,3))/2,160:A=W:GOTO59
                                      :rem 15
62 X=(X+1)*-(X<3):IFX<>YGOTO60        :rem 4
63 X=PEEK(A):POKEA,160:IFZ=0THENPOKEA,13:
   Z=1:K=K+1                          :rem 76
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64 IFX<>5THENA=A-VAL(MID$(D$,X*3+1,3)):GO
   TO59                                :rem 131
65 W$="M{DOWN}M{DOWN}M":X$="{DOWN}{LEFT}
   [M]{DOWN}{LEFT}[M][DOWN]{LEFT}
   [M]{DOWN}{LEFT}[M]{DOWN}{LEFT}
   [M]{DOWN}{LEFT}[M]{DOWN}{LEFT}
   [M]{DOWN}{LEFT}[M]{DOWN}{LEFT}
   [M]{DOWN}{LEFT}[M]{DOWN}{LEFT}
   [M]{DOWN}{LEFT}[M]{DOWN}{LEFT}
   [M]{DOWN}{LEFT}[M]{DOWN}{LEFT}
   [M]{DOWN}{LEFT}[M]{DOWN}{LEFT}
   [M]{DOWN}                       :rem 101
66 Y$="{DOWN}{LEFT}[G]{DOWN}{LEFT}[G]
   {DOWN}{LEFT}[G]{DOWN}{LEFT}[G]
   {DOWN}{LEFT}[G]{DOWN}{LEFT}[G]
   {DOWN}{LEFT}[G]{DOWN}{LEFT}[G]
   {DOWN}{LEFT}[G]{DOWN}{LEFT}[G]
   {DOWN}{LEFT}[G]{DOWN}{LEFT}[G]
   {DOWN}{LEFT}[G]{DOWN}{LEFT}[G]
   {DOWN}{LEFT}[G]{DOWN}{LEFT}[G]
   {DOWN}{LEFT}[G]{DOWN}{LEFT}  :rem 31
67 D$="3012301":GOSUB6:Z$="[19 T]":POKE
   A,209:GOSUB35                   :rem 133
68 GOSUB7:POKE217,156:POKE218,156:rem 188
69 PRINT"{HOME}{RVS}{CYN}PRESS THE FIRE B
   UTTON{OFF}{RIGHT}{WHT}TWICE=PLAY - ONC
   E=END                           :rem 91
70 FORW=37933TO38329STEP22:FORX=0TO18:POK
   EW+X,1:NEXT:NEXT                :rem 187
71 GOSUB77:IFFNW(X)GOTO71          :rem 84
72 GOSUB6:PRINT"{CLR}              :rem 155
73 IFFNW(X)=0GOTO73                :rem 157
74 FORW=0TO30:IFFNW(X)=0GOTO88     :rem 143
75 NEXT                            :rem 171
76 POKE56,30:CLR:END               :rem 194
77 GETA$:IFA$<>CHR$(133)THENRETURN:rem 83
78 POKEB,25:GOSUB6:PRINT"{CLR}PICK ONE
   {BLK}":PRINT"{DOWN} F1=NOVICE":PRINT"
   {DOWN} F3=ADVANCED              :rem 20
79 PRINT"{DOWN} F5=OLD MAP":PRINT"{DOWN}
   {SPACE}F7=END":PRINT"{DOWN}{WHT}*CURRE
   NT LEVEL                        :rem 56
80 PRINT"{3 DOWN}GOAL-{BLK}FIND THE MINER
   S"SPC(7)"AND GET BACK           :rem 112
81 PRINT"{WHT}{2 DOWN}JOYSTICK-{BLK}MOVE"
   :PRINT"SEE MAP Q↑               :rem 152
82 PRINT"SEE LEFT<W>SEE RIGHT"SPC(11)"V"S
   PC(18)"SEE BACK{HOME}{WHT}":IFGTHENPRI
   NT"{3 DOWN}*":GOTO84            :rem 88
83 PRINT"{DOWN}*                   :rem 85
84 GETA$:IFA$<>""THENW=ASC(A$)-132:ONABS(
   W)GOTO86,87,68,72               :rem 118
85 GOTO84                          :rem 18
86 G=0:GOTO88                      :rem 5
87 G=1                             :rem 36
88 O=0:K=0:PRINT"{CLR}":GOTO56     :rem 154
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Alpha-Shoot

(Article on page 118.)

Program 1: Alpha-Shoot — VIC Version

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5 PRINT"{CLR}":Y=7900:SV=36878:SS=36876:C
  L=36879:POKECL,78:POKESV,14      :rem 225
7 H=8108:CL=30720:J=37137:POKE650,128:POK
  E651,1                           :rem 130
8 DIM AB(26):FORX=1TO26:AB(X)=32:NEXTX
                                   :rem 25
10 GOSUB200                        :rem 115
12 GOSUB40                         :rem 71
14 GOSUB215:FORX=8120TO8141:POKEX,67:POKE
   X+30720,3:NEXTX                 :rem 225
16 GOSUB250:GOSUB265               :rem 213
30 GOSUB435:GOTO16                 :rem 89
40 PRINT"{CLR}":RESTORE:Y=7900     :rem 198
42 READL:IFL=0THEN90               :rem 232
43 POKE Y,L                        :rem 103
50 POKEY,L:READ P:POKESS,P:READ D  :rem 48
60 FORX=1TOD:NEXTX:POKESS,0        :rem 54
70 Y=Y+1:FORX=1TO10:NEXTX:IFL=32THENY=Y-1
                                   :rem 161
80 IFY=7922THENY=7952              :rem 253
85 GOTO 42                         :rem 12
90 READA$:IFA$="0"THEN100          :rem 137
92 READP:READD                     :rem 113
95 PRINT"{4 RIGHT}"A$:POKESS,P     :rem 163
97 FORX=1TOD:NEXTX:POKESS,0:FORX=1TO10:NE
   XTX:PRINT"{HOME}":GOTO90        :rem 246
100 FORX=1TO1500:NEXTX:RETURN      :rem 146
170 DATA 1,135,310,2,135,310,3,175,310,4,
    175,310,5,183,310,6,183,310    :rem 239
173 DATA 7,175,615,8,163,310,9,163,310,10
    ,159,310,11,159,310            :rem 131
175 DATA 12,147,120,13,147,120,14,147,120
    ,15,147,120,16,135,602         :rem 5
177 DATA17,175,310,18,175,310,19,163,601,
    20,159,310
178 DATA21,159,310,22,147,601,23,175,121
                                   :rem 221
179 DATA 32,175,121,32,175,231,24,163,601
    ,25,159,310,32,159,310         :rem 26
181 DATA 26,147,605,0              :rem 7
183 DATA"NOW",135,310,"{4 RIGHT}I",135,31
    0,"{6 RIGHT}KNOW",175,310      :rem 11
184 DATA"{11 RIGHT}MY",175,310     :rem 105
185 DATA"{DOWN}{4 RIGHT}A",183,310,"
    {DOWN}{5 RIGHT}B",183,310,"{DOWN}
    {6 RIGHT}C'S",175,610          :rem 158
187 DATA"{2 DOWN}NEXT",163,310,"{2 DOWN}
    {5 RIGHT}TIME",163,310,"{2 DOWN}
    {10 RIGHT}WON'T",159,310       :rem 107
189 DATA"{3 DOWN}YOU",159,310,"{3 DOWN}
    {4 RIGHT}SING",147,310,"{3 DOWN}
    {9 RIGHT}WITH",147,310         :rem 247
190 DATA"{5 DOWN}{5 RIGHT}ME",135,630,"0"
                                   :rem 154
200 PRINTTAB(5):PRINT"ALPHA-SHOOT"
                                   :rem 167
202 LE=-1:KR=0                      :rem 4
204 PRINT"{2 DOWN}WHICH GAME- 1,2,3,OR 4"
                                   :rem 50
205 POKE198,0:WAIT198,1:GETA$:     :rem 235
206 IFA$="1"THEN211                 :rem 1
207 IFA$="2"THENLE=0:GOTO 211      :rem 116
208 IFA$="3"THENLE=1:GOTO 211      :rem 119
209 IFA$="4"THENLE=2:GOTO 211      :rem 122
210 GOTO205                        :rem 99
211 RETURN                         :rem 116
215 R$="ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ"
                                   :rem 110
225 PRINT"{CLR}":POKEH,83:POKE36879,10:GO
    SUB228:POKE7703+V,R:RETURN     :rem 245
228 R=INT(LEN(R$)*RND(1)+1):P=ASC(MID$(R$
    ,R,1))-64                      :rem 31
229 IFLE=1THEN232                  :rem 241
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230 R$=LEFT$(R$,R-1)+RIGHT$(R$,LEN(R$)-R)
                                    :rem 31
232 R=P:V=INT(RND(1)*350+1)         :rem 3
236 IFLE=0THENKR=KR+1:R=KR          :rem 144
237 IFLE=1THENWAIT198,1:GETB$:R=ASC(B$)-6
    4                               :rem 251
238 IFR>26ORR<1THENR=1              :rem 115
239 RETURN                          :rem 126
250 POKE37139,0:X=(PEEK(37137)AND60)/4
                                    :rem 96
252 POKE37154,127:J=PEEK(37152)AND128:POK
    E37154,255                      :rem 110
255 IFX=11THEND=-1:GOSUB275         :rem 136
257 IFJ=0 THEND= 1:GOSUB275         :rem 29
259 IFX=7THENGOSUB300               :rem 61
260 RETURN                          :rem 120
265 GETA$:IFA$=""THENGOTO270        :rem 146
266 IFA$="C"THEND=-1:GOSUB275       :rem 188
267 IFA$="B"THEND=+1:GOSUB275       :rem 186
268 IFA$=" "THENGOSUB300            :rem 87
270 RETURN                          :rem 121
275 X=H+D:IFX<8098ORX>8119THENRETURN
                                    :rem 57
276 POKESS,130:POKEH,32:POKEX,83:H=X
                                    :rem 229
278 POKESS,0:RETURN                 :rem 236
300 G=H:FORU=1TO19:G=G-22:IFPEEK(G)<>32TH
    ENPOKEG,32:POKEG+22,32:GOTO350:rem 92
305 POKESS,U+220:POKEG,30:IFU>1THENPOKEG+
    22,32                           :rem 62
306 GOSUB435:NEXTU:POKESS,0:POKEG,32:RETU
    RN                              :rem 73
350 POKESS,0:POKE36877,220:FORL=13TO0STEP
    -1:POKE36878,L:POKE36879,40:GOSUB375
                                    :rem 208
355 NEXTL:POKE36877,0:POKE36878,14:GOSUB3
    90                              :rem 92
357 POKE36879,10:GOSUB228:POKE7703+V,R:RE
    TURN                            :rem 21
375 POKEG,90:POKEG+22,42:POKEG-22,42:POKE
    G+1,42:POKEG-1,42               :rem 140
377 POKEG+23,77:POKEG-23,77:POKEG-21,78:P
    OKEG+21,78                      :rem 209
379 POKEG,32:POKEG+22,32:POKEG-22,32:POKE
    G-1,32:POKEG+1,32               :rem 136
381 POKEG-23,32:POKEG+23,32:POKEG-21,32:P
    OKEG+21,32:RETURN               :rem 192
390 AB(R)=R:FORX=1TO22:POKE8141+X,AB(X):P
    OKE8141+X+30720,7               :rem 149
392 NEXTX:FORX=23TO26:POKE8150+X,AB(X):PO
    KE8150+X+30720,7:NEXT           :rem 42
394 FORX=1TO26:IFAB(X)=32THENRETURN
                                    :rem 254
395 NEXTX:FORX=1TO26:AB(X)=32:NEXTX:POKE3
    6879,78:FORW=1TO1000:NEXTW:GOSUB40:RU
    N                               :rem 127
435 IFLE<2THENRETURN                :rem 57
436 Q=V+7703:IFPEEK(162)<41 THEN RETURN
                                    :rem 5
440 IFQ>8074THENPOKEQ,32:V=2:RETURN
                                    :rem 226
442 POKEQ,32:POKEQ+1,R:V=V+1:POKE162,0
                                    :rem 28
445 RETURN                          :rem 125
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Program 2: Alpha-Shoot — 64 Version

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4 POKE53280,6:POKE53281,1:FORT=54272TO542
  96:POKET,0:NEXTT                  :rem 248
5 PRINT"{CLR}":Y=1424:HF=54273:LF=54272:C
  L=54272:POKE54296,15:POKE54277,66
                                    :rem 100
6 POKE54278,68:POKE54284,17:POKE54285,250
  :POKE54279,100:POKE54280,100      :rem 155
7 H=1798:POKE650,128:POKE651,1      :rem 194
8 DIM AB(26):FORX=1TO26:AB(X)=32:NEXTX
                                    :rem 25
10 GOSUB200                         :rem 115
12 GOSUB40                          :rem 71
14 GOSUB215:FORX=1824TO1863:POKEX,67:POKE
   X+54272,3:NEXTX                  :rem 241
16 GOSUB250:GOSUB265                :rem 213
30 GOSUB435:GOTO16                  :rem 89
40 PRINT"{CLR}":RESTORE:POKE53281,1:Y=155
   1                                :rem 139
42 READL:IFL=0THEN90                :rem 232
43 POKE Y,L:POKEY+CL,2              :rem 65
50 READHP:POKEHF,HP:READ LP:POKELF,LP:REA
   D:POKE54276,17                   :rem 40
60 FORX=1TOD:NEXTX:POKE54276,16     :rem 207
70 Y=Y+1:FORX=1TO10:NEXTX:IFL=32THENY=Y-1
                                    :rem 161
80 IFY=1464THENY=1517               :rem 239
85 GOTO 42                          :rem 12
90 READA$:IFA$="0"THEN100           :rem 137
92 READHP:READLP:READD              :rem 171
95 PRINT"{13 RIGHT}"A$:POKE54276,17:POKEH
   F,HP:POKELF,LP                   :rem 160
97 FORI=1TOD+7:NEXT:POKE54276,16:FORX=1TO
   10:NEXT:PRINT"{HOME}":GOTO90     :rem 50
100 FORX=1TO1500:NEXTX:RETURN       :rem 146
170 DATA 1,34,75,310,2,34,75,310,3,51,97,
    310,4,51,97,310,5,57,172,310    :rem 49
171 DATA6,57,172,310                :rem 7
173 DATA 7,51,97,615,8,45,198,310,9,45,19
    8,310,10,43,52,310,11,43,52,310
                                    :rem 216
175 DATA 12,38,126,120,13,38,126,120,14,3
    8,126,120,15,38,126,120,16,34,75,602
                                    :rem 187
177 DATA17,51,97,310,18,51,97,310,19,45,1
    98,601,20,43,52,310,21,43,52,310
                                    :rem 55
178 DATA22,38,126,601,23,51,97,121
                                    :rem 188
179 DATA 32,51,97,121,32,51,97,231,24,45,
    198,601,25,43,52,310,32,43,52,310
                                    :rem 55
181 DATA 26,38,126,605,0            :rem 155
182 DATA"NOW"                       :rem 237
183 DATA34,75,310,"{4 RIGHT}I",34,75,310,
    "{6 RIGHT}KNOW",51,97,310,"{11 RIGHT}
    MY"                             :rem 45
184 DATA51,97,310                   :rem 121
185 DATA"{DOWN}{4 RIGHT}A",57,172,310,"
    {DOWN}{5 RIGHT}B",57,172,310,"{DOWN}
    {6 RIGHT}C'S",51,97,610         :rem 47
187 DATA"{2 DOWN}NEXT",45,198,310,"
    {2 DOWN}{5 RIGHT}TIME",45,198,310,"
    {2 DOWN}{10 RIGHT}WON'T"        :rem 26
188 DATA43,52,310                   :rem 117
189 DATA"{3 DOWN}YOU",43,52,310,"{3 DOWN}
    {4 RIGHT}SING",38,126,310,"{3 DOWN}
    {9 RIGHT}WITH"                  :rem 94
190 DATA38,126,310,"{5 DOWN}{5 RIGHT}ME",
    34,75,630,"0"                   :rem 28
200 PRINT"{HOME}{10 DOWN}{14 RIGHT}{RVS}
    {BLU}ALPHA SHOOT"               :rem 218
202 LE=-1:KR=0                      :rem 4
```

```
204 PRINT"{HOME}{12 DOWN}{9 RIGHT}WHICH G
    AME-1,2,3,OR 4"                  :rem 244
205 POKE198,0:WAIT198,1:GETA$:       :rem 235
206 IFA$="1"THEN211                    :rem 1
207 IFA$="2"THENLE=0:GOTO 211        :rem 116
208 IFA$="3"THENLE=1:GOTO 211        :rem 119
209 IFA$="4"THENLE=2:GOTO 211        :rem 122
210 GOTO205                           :rem 99
211 RETURN                           :rem 116
215 R$="ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ"
                                     :rem 110
225 PRINT"{CLR}":POKEH,83:POKE53281,0:POK
    E53280,2:GOSUB228:POKE1065+V,R:RETURN
                                     :rem 122
228 R=INT(LEN(R$)*RND(1)+1):P=ASC(MID$(R$
    ,R,1))-64                        :rem 31
229 IFLE=1THEN232                    :rem 241
230 R$=LEFT$(R$,R-1)+RIGHT$(R$,LEN(R$)-R)
    :R=P                             :rem 56
232 V=INT(RND(1)*350+1)              :rem 234
236 IFLE=0THENKR=KR+1:R=KR           :rem 144
237 IFLE=1THENPOKE198,0:WAIT198,1:GETB$:R
    =ASC(B$)-64                      :rem 98
239 IFR>26ORR<0THENPOKE198,0:GOTO237
                                     :rem 239
240 RETURN                           :rem 118
250 XV=(PEEK(56320)AND15)            :rem 130
252 JV=15-XV:KV=(PEEK(56320)AND16)
                                     :rem 208
255 IFJV=4THEND=-1:GOSUB274          :rem 161
257 IFJV=8THEND=1:GOSUB274           :rem 122
259 IFKV=0THENGOSUB300               :rem 127
260 RETURN                           :rem 120
265 GETA$:IFA$=""THEN270              :rem 89
266 IFA$="C"THEND=-1:GOSUB274        :rem 187
267 IFA$="B"THEND=1:GOSUB274         :rem 142
268 IFPEEK(197)=60THENPOKE198,0:POKE197,0
    :GOSUB300                        :rem 248
270 RETURN                           :rem 121
274 H=H+D:IFH<1784THENH=1784         :rem 130
275 IFH>1823THENH=1823                 :rem 3
276 POKEHF,10:POKELF,70:POKEH-D,32:POKEH,
    83:POKEH+CL,1                     :rem 58
277 POKE54276,33:POKE54276,32:RETURN
                                     :rem 133
300 G=H:FORU=1TO19:G=G-40:IFPEEK(G)<>32TH
    ENPOKEG,32:POKEG+40,32:GOTO350:rem 92
305 POKE54276,17:POKEHF,U+60:POKELF,U+125
    :POKEG,30:IFU>1THENPOKEG+40,32:rem 60
307 GOSUB435:NEXTU:POKEG,32:POKE54276,16:
    RETURN                           :rem 227
350 POKE54283,129:GOSUB374:POKE53280,2:PO
    KE53281,0                        :rem 126
355 POKE54283,128:GOSUB390           :rem 239
357 GOSUB228:POKE1065+V,R:RETURN       :rem 9
374 POKE53280,0:POKE53281,2          :rem 245
375 POKE54276,16:POKEG,90:POKEG+40,42:POK
    EG-40,42:POKEG+1,42:POKEG-1,42
                                     :rem 144
377 POKEG+41,77:POKEG-41,77:POKEG-39,78:P
    OKEG+39,78:FORL=0TO300:NEXT      :rem 108
379 POKEG,32:POKEG+40,32:POKEG-40,32:POKE
    G-1,32:POKEG+1,32                :rem 136
381 POKEG-41,32:POKEG+41,32:POKEG-39,32:P
    OKEG+39,32:RETURN                :rem 210
390 AB(R)=R:FORX=1TO22:POKE1873+X,AB(X):P
    OKE1873+X+54272,7                :rem 167
392 NEXTX:FORX=23TO26:POKE1938+X,AB(X):PO
    KE1938+X+54272,7:NEXT             :rem 64
394 FORX=1TO26:IFAB(X)=32THENRETURN
                                     :rem 254
395 NEXTX:FORX=1TO26:AB(X)=32:NEXTX:FORW=
    1TO1000:NEXTW:GOSUB40:RUN        :rem 106
435 IFLE<2THENRETURN                  :rem 57
436 Q=V+1065:IFPEEK(162)<41 THEN RETURN
440 IFQ>1742THENPOKEQ,32:V=2:RETURN
                                     :rem 221
442 POKEQ,32:POKEQ+1,R:V=V+1:POKE162,0
                                      :rem 28
445 RETURN                           :rem 125
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Machine Language For Beginners

(Article on page 150.)

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Program 1: VIC Version

```
12288   LDY    # 0
12290   LDA    # 8
12292   STA    37888 ,Y
12295   STA    38144 ,Y
12298   STA    38656 ,Y
12301   INY
12302   BNE          12292
12304   LDY    # 0
12306   LDA    # 224
12308   STA    4096 ,Y
12311   STA    4580 ,Y
12314   INY
12315   CPY    # 22
12317   BNE          12308
12319   LDA    # 21
12321   STA    71
12323   LDA    # 16
12325   STA    72
12327   LDX    # 24
12329   LDY    # 0
12331   LDA    # 224
12333   STA  ( 71 ),Y
12335   INY
12336   STA  ( 71 ),Y
12338   DEX
12339   BEQ          12357
12341   CLC
12342   LDA    71
12344   ADC    # 22
12346   STA    71
12348   LDA    72
12350   ADC    # 0
12352   STA    72
12354   JMP     --->    12329
12357   RTS
```

Program 3: VIC BASIC Loader

```
1000 FORI=12288TO12359:READ DA:POKEI,DA:N
     EXT                             :rem 145
12288 DATA 160,000,169,008,153,000
                                     :rem 131
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```
12294 DATA 148,153,000,149,153,000
                                    :rem 133
12300 DATA 151,200,208,244,160,000
                                    :rem 112
12306 DATA 169,224,153,000,016,153
                                    :rem 131
12312 DATA 228,017,200,192,022,208
                                    :rem 127
12318 DATA 245,169,021,133,071,169
                                    :rem 146
12324 DATA 016,133,072,162,024,160
                                    :rem 127
12330 DATA 000,169,224,145,071,200
                                    :rem 123
12336 DATA 145,071,202,240,016,024
                                    :rem 126
12342 DATA 165,071,105,022,133,071
                                    :rem 127
12348 DATA 165,072,105,000,133,072
                                    :rem 131
12354 DATA 076,041,048,096,013,013
                                    :rem 138
```

Program 4: 64 BASIC Loader

```
1000 FORI=49152TO49229:READ DA: POKEI,DA:
     NEXT                           :rem 151
49152 DATA 160,000,169,008,153,000
                                    :rem 131
49158 DATA 216,153,000,217,153,000
                                    :rem 134
49164 DATA 218,153,000,219,200,208
                                    :rem 138
49170 DATA 241,160,000,169,224,153
                                    :rem 138
49176 DATA 000,004,153,192,007,200
                                    :rem 131
49182 DATA 192,040,208,245,169,039
                                    :rem 159
49188 DATA 133,071,169,004,133,072
                                    :rem 151
49194 DATA 162,024,160,000,169,224
                                    :rem 143
49200 DATA 145,071,200,145,071,202
                                    :rem 127
49206 DATA 240,016,024,165,071,105
                                    :rem 136
49212 DATA 040,133,071,165,072,105
                                    :rem 134
49218 DATA 000,133,072,076,044,192
                                    :rem 143
49224 DATA 096,013,013,013,013,013
                                    :rem 126
```

Graph Plotter

(Article on page 145.)

Program 1: Graph Plotter—64 Version

```
100 PRINT"{CLR}":POKE53281,0:POKE53280,6
                                    :rem 138
110 FORI=1230TO1261:POKEI,114:POKEI+54272
    ,5:NEXT:REM TOP                 :rem 114
120 FORI=1270TO1790STEP40:POKEI,107:POKEI
    +54272,5:NEXT:REM LEFT          :rem 88
130 FORI=1301TO1821STEP40:POKEI,115:POKEI
    +54272,5:NEXT:REM RIGHT         :rem 161
140 FORI=1830TO1861:POKEI,113:POKEI+54272
    ,5:NEXT:REM BOTTOM              :rem 98
150 FORI=1351TO1380:POKEI,67:POKEI+54272,
    5:NEXT                          :rem 66
160 FORI=1471TO1500:POKEI,67:POKEI+54272,
    5:NEXT                          :rem 64
170 FORI=1591TO1620:POKEI,67:POKEI+54272,
    5:NEXT                          :rem 71
180 FORI=1711TO1740:POKEI,67:POKEI+54272,
    5:NEXT:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT        :rem 154
190 PRINT: PRINTSPC(4)"15":PRINTSPC(4)"14
    ":PRINTSPC(4)"13":PRINTSPC(4)"12"
                                    :rem 145
200 PRINTSPC(4)"11":PRINTSPC(4)"10":PRINT
    SPC(5)"9":PRINTSPC(5)"8"        :rem 102
210 PRINTSPC(5)"7":PRINTSPC(5)"6":PRINTSP
    C(5)"5":PRINTSPC(5)"4":PRINTSPC(5)"3"
                                    :rem 181
220 PRINTSPC(5)"2":PRINTSPC(5)"1":PRINTSP
    C(5)"0"                         :rem 82
230 PRINTTAB(9)"A"SPC(4)"B"SPC(4)"C"SPC(4
    )"D"SPC(4)"E"SPC(4)"F"          :rem 199
240 IFZ$="Y"THEN310                 :rem 64
250 DATAA,B,C,D,E,F                 :rem 34
260 FORI=1TO6:READA$(I):NEXTI       :rem 38
270 DATA7,6,4,13,8,14               :rem 49
280 FORI=1TO6:READD(I):NEXTI         :rem 7
290 DATA1792,1797,1802,1807,1812,1817
                                    :rem 116
300 FORI=1TO6:READA(I):NEXTI        :rem 253
310 C=54272:FORJ=1TO6               :rem 202
320 FORK=1971TO1975:POKEK,32:NEXTK:PRINT"
    {HOME}":FORL=1TO22:PRINT:NEXTL
                                    :rem 228
330 PRINT"VALUE FOR COLUMN ";A$(J);" (0-1
    5) ";                           :rem 162
340 INPUTA$:IFVAL(A$)=0THEN320      :rem 31
350 AA=VAL(A$):AA=INT(AA+.5):D=D(J):X=A(J
    )                               :rem 122
360 IFAA<0ORAA>15THEN320            :rem 161
370 A=A(J)-(AA*40)+80:GOSUB430:NEXTJ
                                    :rem 41
380 PRINT"{HOME}":FORI=1TO22:PRINT:NEXT:F
    ORI=1971TO1983:POKEI,32:NEXT    :rem 75
390 PRINT"WISH TO DO IT AGAIN? (Y/N)"
                                    :rem 65
400 GETZ$:IFZ$=""THEN400            :rem 125
410 IFZ$="Y"THEN100                 :rem 60
420 END                             :rem 109
430 IFAA=1THEN530                   :rem 221
440 IFAA=0THEN RETURN               :rem 37
450 POKEX,160:POKEX+1,231:POKEX+2,105
                                    :rem 162
460 POKEX+C,D:POKE(X+1)+C,D:POKE(X+2)+C,D
    :IFAA=2THEN490                  :rem 30
470 FORI=X-40TOASTEP-40:POKEI,160:POKEI+1
    ,231:POKEI+2,160                :rem 185
480 POKEI+C,D:POKE(I+1)+C,D:POKE(I+2)+C,D
    :NEXTI:GOTO510                  :rem 56
490 POKEA,247:POKEA+1,208:POKEA+2,105
                                    :rem 107
500 POKEA+C,D:POKE(A+1)+C,D:POKE(A+2)+C,D
    :GOTO530                        :rem 89
510 POKEA,247:POKEA+1,208:POKEA+2,224
                                    :rem 102
520 POKEA+C,D:POKE(A+1)+C,D:POKE(A+2)+C,D
                                    :rem 80
530 POKEA-40,233:POKEA-39,160:POKEA-38,20
    6                               :rem 105
540 POKE(A-40)+C,D:POKE(A-39)+C,D:POKE(A-
    38)+C,D                         :rem 172
550 RETURN                          :rem 122
```

Program 2:
Graph Plotter—VIC Version

```
100 PRINT"{CLR}":POKE36879,11     :rem 253
110 FORI=7726TO7745:POKEI,114:POKEI+30720
    ,5:NEXTI                      :rem 191
120 FORI=7748TO8034STEP22:POKEI,107:POKEI
    +30720,5:NEXTI                :rem 94
130 FORI=7767TO8053STEP22:POKEI,115:POKEI
    +30720,5:NEXTI                :rem 96
140 FORI=8056TO8075:POKEI,113:POKEI+30720
    ,5:NEXTI                      :rem 187
150 FORI=7793TO7810:POKEI,64:POKEI+30720,
    5:NEXTI                       :rem 148
160 FORI=7859TO7876:POKEI,64:POKEI+30720,
    5:NEXTI                       :rem 164
170 FORI=7925TO7942:POKEI,64:POKEI+30720,
    5:NEXTI                       :rem 153
180 FORI=7991TO8008:POKEI,64:POKEI+30720,
    5:NEXTI:PRINT                 :rem 94
190 PRINTSPC(0)"15":PRINTSPC(0)"14":PRINT
    SPC(0)"13":PRINTSPC(0)"12":PRINTSPC(0
    )"11"                         :rem 142
200 PRINTSPC(0)"10":PRINTSPC(1)"9":PRINTS
    PC(1)"8":PRINTSPC(1)"7"       :rem 44
210 PRINTSPC(1)"6":PRINTSPC(1)"5":rem 170
220 PRINTSPC(1)"4":PRINTSPC(1)"3":PRINTSP
    C(1)"2":PRINTSPC(1)"1":PRINTSPC(1)"0"
                                  :rem 147
230 PRINTTAB(4)"A"SPC(2)"B"SPC(2)"C"SPC(2
    )"D"SPC(2)"E"SPC(2)"F"        :rem 184
240 IFZ$="Y"THEN310               :rem 64
250 DATAA,B,C,D,E,F               :rem 34
260 FORI=1TO6:READA$(I):NEXTI     :rem 38
270 DATA7,6,4,3,5,1               :rem 201
280 FORI=1TO6:READD(I):NEXTI       :rem 7
290 DATA8035,8038,8041,8044,8047,8050
                                  :rem 113
300 FORI=1TO6:READA(I):NEXTI      :rem 253
310 C=30720:FORJ=1TO6             :rem 194
320 FORK=8138TO8141:POKEK,32:NEXTK:PRINT"
    {HOME}{19 DOWN}"              :rem 179
330 PRINT"COLUMN ";A$(J);" (0-15) ";
                                  :rem 62
340 INPUT Y$:IFVAL(Y$)=0THEN320   :rem 79
350 Y=VAL(Y$):Y=INT(Y+.5):D=D(J):X=A(J)
                                  :rem 23
360 IFY<0ORY>15THEN320            :rem 79
370 A=A(J)-(Y*22)+44:GOSUB430:NEXTJ
380 PRINT"{HOME}{20 DOWN}"        :rem 211
390 PRINT"DO IT AGAIN? (Y/N)"     :rem 99
400 GETZ$:IFZ$=""THEN400          :rem 125
410 IFZ$="Y"THEN100               :rem 60
420 END                           :rem 109
430 IFY=1THEN530                  :rem 180
440 IFY=0THENRETURN               :rem 252
450 POKEX,160:POKEX+1,231:POKEX+2,105
                                  :rem 162
460 POKEX+C,D:POKE(X+1)+C,D:POKE(X+2)+C,D
    :IFY=2THEN490                 :rem 245
470 FORI=X-22TOASTEP-22:POKEI,160:POKEI+1
    ,231:POKEI+2,160              :rem 185
480 POKEI+C,D:POKE(I+1)+C,D:POKE(I+2)+C,D
    :NEXTI:GOTO510                :rem 56
490 POKEA,227:POKEA+1,208:POKEA+2,105
                                  :rem 105
500 POKEA+C,D:POKE(A+1)+C,D:POKE(A+2)+C,D
    :GOTO530                      :rem 89
510 POKEA,227:POKEA+1,208:POKEA+2,224
                                  :rem 100
520 POKEA+C,D:POKE(A+1)+C,D:POKE(A+2)+C,D
                                  :rem 80
530 POKEA-22,233:POKEA-21,160:POKEA-20,20
    6                             :rem 87
540 POKE(A-22)+C,D:POKE(A-21)+C,D:POKE(A-
    20)+C,D                       :rem 154
550 RETURN                        :rem 122
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64 BASIC Aid

(Article on page 156.)

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39852 :173,254,159,133,055,173,095
39858 :255,159,133,056,169,076,002
39864 :133,124,173,217,155,133,095
39870 :125,173,218,155,133,126,096
39876 :076,143,156,240,003,076,122
39882 :008,175,169,201,133,124,244
39888 :169,058,133,125,169,176,014
39894 :133,126,096,219,155,133,052
39900 :139,134,151,186,189,001,252
39906 :001,201,140,240,016,208,008
39912 :002,164,140,166,151,165,252
39918 :139,201,058,176,003,076,123
39924 :128,000,096,189,002,001,148
39930 :201,164,208,237,165,139,084
39936 :016,002,230,122,132,140,130
39942 :162,000,134,165,202,232,133
39948 :164,122,185,000,002,056,029
39954 :253,217,159,240,019,201,083
39960 :128,240,019,230,165,232,014
39966 :189,216,159,016,250,189,025
39972 :217,159,208,228,240,191,255
39978 :232,200,208,224,132,122,136
39984 :165,165,010,170,189,245,224
39990 :159,072,189,244,159,072,181
39996 :032,233,155,076,115,000,159
40002 :032,178,157,165,095,166,091
40008 :096,133,036,134,037,032,028
40014 :019,166,165,095,166,096,017
40020 :144,010,160,001,177,095,159
40026 :240,004,170,136,177,095,144
40032 :133,122,134,123,165,036,041
40038 :056,229,122,170,165,037,113
40044 :229,123,168,176,030,138,204
40050 :024,101,045,133,045,152,102
40056 :101,046,133,046,160,000,094
40062 :177,122,145,036,200,208,246
40068 :249,230,123,230,037,165,142
40074 :046,197,037,176,239,032,097
40080 :051,165,165,034,166,035,248
40086 :024,105,002,133,045,144,091
40092 :001,232,134,046,032,089,178
40098 :166,076,131,164,032,124,087
40104 :165,032,115,000,133,139,240
40110 :162,000,134,073,032,140,203
40116 :157,165,165,201,000,208,052
40122 :007,162,002,134,073,032,084
40128 :140,157,032,115,000,240,108
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40134 :003,032,253,174,032,178,102
40140 :157,165,095,166,096,133,248
40146 :122,134,123,032,215,170,238
40152 :208,011,200,152,024,101,144
40158 :122,133,122,144,002,230,207
40164 :123,032,202,159,240,005,221
40170 :032,220,157,176,003,076,130
40176 :143,156,132,085,230,085,047
40182 :164,085,166,049,165,050,157
40188 :133,139,177,122,240,216,255
40194 :221,000,002,208,237,232,134
40200 :200,198,139,208,241,136,106
40206 :132,011,132,151,165,073,166
40212 :240,091,032,240,157,165,177
40218 :052,056,229,050,133,167,201
40224 :240,040,200,240,202,177,107
40230 :122,208,249,024,152,101,126
40236 :167,201,002,144,064,201,055
40242 :075,176,060,165,167,016,197
40248 :002,198,139,024,101,011,019
40254 :133,151,176,005,032,036,083
40260 :158,240,003,032,012,158,159
40266 :165,151,056,229,052,168,127
40272 :200,165,052,240,015,133,117
40278 :140,166,051,189,000,002,122
40284 :145,122,232,200,198,140,105
40290 :208,245,024,165,045,101,118
40296 :167,133,045,165,046,101,249
40302 :139,133,046,165,122,166,113
40308 :123,133,095,134,096,166,095
40314 :067,165,068,032,061,158,161
40320 :032,225,255,169,000,133,174
40326 :198,164,151,076,242,156,097
40332 :164,122,200,148,049,169,224
40338 :000,149,050,185,000,002,020
40344 :240,021,197,139,240,005,226
40350 :246,050,200,208,242,132,212
40356 :122,096,201,171,240,004,230
40362 :201,045,208,001,096,076,029
40368 :008,175,144,005,240,003,239
40374 :032,166,157,032,107,169,077
40380 :032,019,166,032,121,000,046
40386 :240,011,032,166,157,032,064
40392 :115,000,032,107,169,208,063
40398 :224,165,020,005,021,208,081
40404 :006,169,255,133,020,133,160
40410 :021,096,032,202,159,133,093
40416 :067,032,202,159,133,068,117
40422 :056,165,020,229,067,165,164
40428 :021,229,068,096,165,122,169
40434 :133,034,165,123,133,035,097
40440 :165,045,133,036,165,046,070
40446 :133,037,096,165,034,197,148
40452 :036,208,004,165,035,197,137
40458 :037,096,164,011,200,177,183
40464 :034,164,151,200,145,034,232
40470 :032,001,158,208,001,096,006
40476 :230,034,208,236,230,035,233
40482 :208,232,164,011,177,036,094
40488 :164,151,145,036,032,001,057
40494 :158,208,001,096,165,036,198
40500 :208,002,198,037,198,036,219
40506 :076,036,158,160,000,132,108
40512 :165,132,015,032,205,189,034
40518 :169,032,164,165,041,127,000
40524 :032,210,255,201,034,208,248
40530 :006,165,015,073,255,133,217
40536 :015,200,177,095,240,025,072
40542 :016,236,201,255,240,232,250
40548 :036,015,048,228,132,165,212
40554 :032,124,158,200,177,174,203
40560 :048,214,032,210,255,208,055
40566 :246,032,215,170,056,096,165
40572 :160,157,132,174,160,160,043
40578 :132,175,056,233,127,170,255
40584 :160,000,202,240,238,230,182
40590 :174,208,002,230,175,177,084
40596 :174,016,246,048,241,032,137
40602 :107,169,165,020,133,053,033
40608 :165,021,133,054,032,253,050
40614 :174,032,107,169,165,020,065
40620 :133,051,165,021,133,052,215
40626 :032,142,166,032,202,159,143
40632 :032,202,159,208,033,032,082
40638 :172,159,032,202,159,032,178
40644 :202,159,208,003,076,143,219
40650 :156,032,202,159,165,099,247
40656 :145,122,032,202,159,165,009
40662 :098,145,122,032,183,159,185
40668 :240,226,032,202,159,032,087
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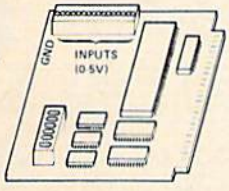

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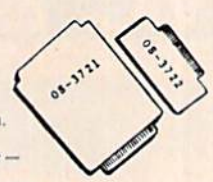

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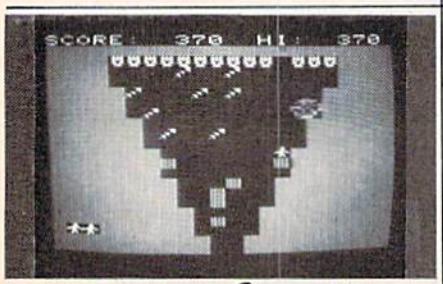

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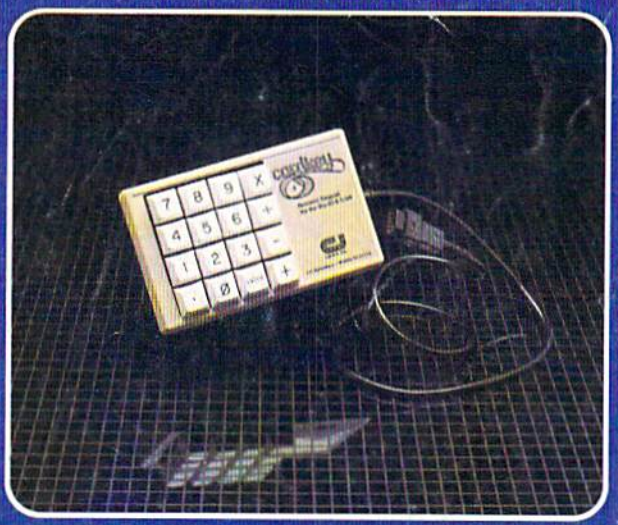

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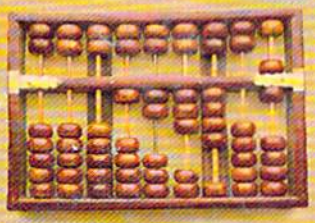

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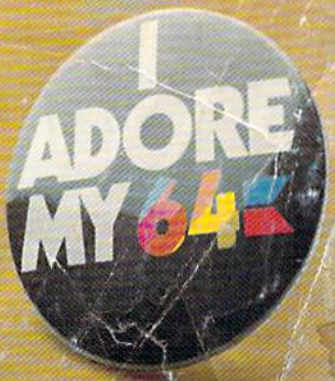
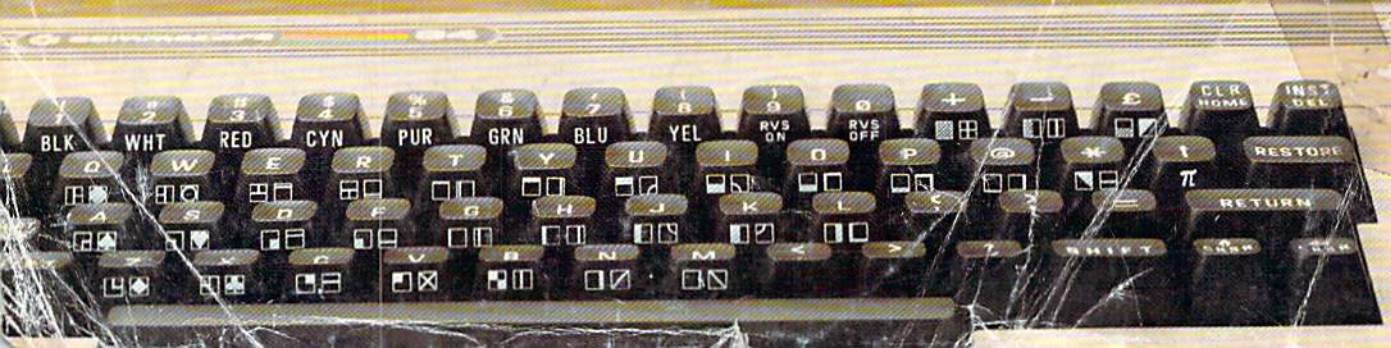
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